

## HOUSE BILL No. 2078

By Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

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1 AN ACT concerning certain licensing boards; relating to licensure and  
2 military service members; amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 65-1116 and  
3 65-6129 and repealing the existing sections.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 65-1116 is hereby amended to read as  
7 follows: 65-1116. (a) *Qualification*. An applicant for a license to practice  
8 as a licensed practical nurse shall:

9 (1) Have graduated from an approved school of practical nursing or  
10 professional nursing in the United States or its territories or from a school  
11 of practical nursing or professional nursing in a foreign country which is  
12 approved by the board as defined in rules and regulations;

13 (2) have obtained other qualifications not in conflict with this act as  
14 the board may prescribe by rule and regulation; and

15 (3) file with the board a written application for a license.

16 (b) If the board finds in evaluating any applicant that such applicant is  
17 deficient in qualification or in the quality of such applicant's educational  
18 experience, the board may require such applicant to fulfill such remedial  
19 or other requirements as the board may prescribe.

20 (c) *License*. (1) The board shall issue a license to an applicant to  
21 practice as a practical nurse who has:

22 (A) Met the qualifications set forth in subsections (a) and (b);

23 (B) passed a written examination as prescribed by the board; and

24 (C) no disqualifying factors under K.S.A. 65-1120, and amendments  
25 thereto.

26 (2) The board may issue a license to practice nursing as a practical  
27 nurse to an applicant who has been duly licensed as a practical nurse by  
28 examination under the laws of another state or territory if, in the opinion of  
29 the board, the applicant meets the qualifications required of a practical  
30 nurse in this state. Verification of the applicant's licensure status shall be  
31 required from the original state of licensure.

32 (3) *The board may authorize the educational requirement under*  
33 *subsection (a)(1) to be waived for an applicant who has attained a passing*  
34 *score on the national council licensure examination for practical nurses*  
35 *and provided evidence to the board of such applicant's practical nursing*  
36 *experience with the military. To qualify for such a waiver, the applicant*

1 *must have been a member of the army, navy, marine corps, air force, air*  
2 *or army national guard, coast guard or any branch of the military reserves*  
3 *of the United States, and separated from such military service under*  
4 *honorable conditions.*

5 ~~(3)~~(4) *Refresher course.* Notwithstanding the provisions of  
6 subsections (a) and (b), an applicant for a license to practice as a licensed  
7 practical nurse who has not been licensed to practice practical nursing for  
8 five years preceding application shall be required to successfully complete  
9 a refresher course as defined by the board.

10 ~~(4)~~(5) *Renewal license.* A licensed practical nurse licensed under this  
11 act shall be eligible for renewal licenses upon compliance with K.S.A. 65-  
12 1117, and amendments thereto.

13 ~~(5)~~(6) *Licensure examination within 24 months of graduation.* (A)  
14 Persons who do not take the licensure examination within 24 months after  
15 graduation shall petition the board for permission prior to taking the  
16 licensure examination. The board may require the applicant to submit and  
17 complete a plan of study prior to taking the licensure examination.

18 (B) Persons who are unsuccessful in passing the licensure  
19 examination within 24 months after graduation shall petition the board for  
20 permission prior to subsequent attempts. The board may require the  
21 applicant to submit and complete a plan of study prior to taking the  
22 licensure examination a subsequent time. The study plan shall contain  
23 subjects related to deficiencies identified on the failed examination  
24 profiles.

25 ~~(6)~~(7) An application for initial licensure or endorsement will be held  
26 awaiting completion of meeting qualifications for a time period specified  
27 in rules and regulations.

28 (d) *Title and abbreviation.* Any person who holds a license to practice  
29 as a licensed practical nurse in this state shall have the right to use the title,  
30 "licensed practical nurse," and the abbreviation, "L.P.N." No other person  
31 shall assume the title or use the abbreviation or any other words, letters,  
32 signs or figures to indicate that the person is a licensed practical nurse.

33 (e) *Temporary permit.* The board may issue a temporary permit to  
34 practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse for a period not to exceed 120  
35 days. A temporary permit for 120 days may be issued to an applicant for  
36 licensure as a licensed practical nurse who is a graduate of a practical  
37 school of nursing in a foreign country after verification of licensure in that  
38 foreign country and approval of educational credentials.

39 (f) *Exempt license.* The board may issue an exempt license to any  
40 licensee as defined in rules and regulations who makes written application  
41 for such license on a form provided by the board, who remits a fee as  
42 established pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1118, and amendments thereto, and who  
43 is not regularly engaged in the practice of practical nursing in Kansas but

1 volunteers practical nursing service or is a charitable health care provider  
2 as defined by K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto. Each exempt  
3 licensee shall be subject to all provisions of the nurse practice act, except  
4 as otherwise provided in this subsection (f). Each exempt license may be  
5 renewed biennially subject to the provisions of this section. The holder of  
6 the exempt license shall not be required to submit evidence of satisfactory  
7 completion of a program of continuing nursing education for renewal. To  
8 convert an exempt license to an active license, the exempt licensee shall  
9 meet all the requirements of subsection (c) or K.S.A. 65-1117, and  
10 amendments thereto. The board shall have authority to write rules and  
11 regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

12 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 65-6129 is hereby amended to read as  
13 follows: 65-6129. (a) Application for an attendant's certificate shall be  
14 made to the board. The board shall not grant an attendant's certificate  
15 unless the applicant meets the following requirements:

16 (1) (A) Has successfully completed coursework required by the rules  
17 and regulations adopted by the board; ~~or~~

18 (B) has successfully completed coursework in another jurisdiction  
19 that is substantially equivalent to that required by the rules and regulations  
20 adopted by the board; or

21 (C) *has provided evidence that such applicant holds a current and*  
22 *active certification with the national registry of emergency medical*  
23 *technicians, completed emergency medical technician training as a*  
24 *member of the army, navy, marine corps, air force, air or army national*  
25 *guard, coast guard or any branch of the military reserves of the United*  
26 *States that is substantially equivalent to that required by the rules and*  
27 *regulations adopted by the board, and such applicant separated from such*  
28 *military service under honorable conditions;*

29 (2) (A) has passed the examination required by the rules and  
30 regulations adopted by the board; or

31 (B) has passed the certification or licensing examination in another  
32 jurisdiction that has been approved by the board; and

33 (3) has paid an application fee required by the rules and regulations  
34 adopted by the board.

35 (b) (1) The board shall not grant a temporary attendant's certificate  
36 unless the applicant meets the following requirements:

37 (A) If the applicant is certified or licensed as an attendant in another  
38 jurisdiction, but the applicant's coursework is determined not to be  
39 substantially equivalent to that required by the board, such temporary  
40 certificate shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance or until the  
41 applicant has completed the required coursework, whichever occurs first;  
42 or

43 (B) if the applicant has completed the required coursework, has taken

1 the required examination, but has not received the results of the  
2 examination, such temporary certificate shall be valid for 120 days from  
3 the date of the examination.

4 (2) An applicant who has been granted a temporary certificate shall  
5 be under the direct supervision of a physician, a physician's assistant, a  
6 professional nurse or an attendant holding a certificate at the same level or  
7 higher than that of the applicant.

8 (c) The board shall not grant an initial emergency medical technician-  
9 intermediate certificate, advanced emergency medical technician  
10 certificate, mobile intensive care technician certificate or paramedic  
11 certificate as a result of successful course completion in the state of  
12 Kansas, unless the applicant for such an initial certificate is certified as an  
13 emergency medical technician.

14 (d) An attendant's certificate shall expire on the date prescribed by the  
15 board. An attendant's certificate may be renewed for a period of two years  
16 upon payment of a fee as prescribed by rule and regulation of the board  
17 and upon presentation of satisfactory proof that the attendant has  
18 successfully completed continuing education as prescribed by the board.

19 (e) All fees received pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be  
20 remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A.  
21 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance,  
22 the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to  
23 the credit of the emergency medical services operating fund established by  
24 K.S.A. 65-6151, and amendments thereto.

25 (f) If a person who was previously certified as an attendant applies  
26 for an attendant's certificate after the certificate's expiration, the board may  
27 grant a certificate without the person completing an initial course of  
28 instruction or passing a certification examination if the person has  
29 completed education requirements and has paid a fee as specified in rules  
30 and regulations adopted by the board.

31 (g) The board shall adopt, through rules and regulations, a formal list  
32 of graduated sanctions for violations of article 61 of chapter 65 of the  
33 Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, which shall specify  
34 the number and severity of violations for the imposition of each level of  
35 sanction.

36 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 65-1116 and 65-6129 are hereby repealed.

37 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
38 publication in the statute book.