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Approved April 25, 1995

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to education requirements for nurses.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 217

1 Section 1. Section 152.5, subsection 1, paragraphs c and
2 d, Code 1995, are amended to read as follows:

3 c. Requires, for graduation of a registered nurse
4 applicant, the completion of at least a two academic year
5 course of study ~~or its equivalent which is integrated in~~
6 ~~theory and practice as prescribed by the board.~~

7 d. Requires, for graduation of a licensed practical nurse
8 applicant, the completion of at least an one academic year
9 course of study ~~or its equivalent in theory and practice~~ as
10 prescribed by the board.

11 Sec. 2. Section 152.7, subsections 3 and 4, Code 1995, are
12 amended to read as follows:

13 3. ~~If to practice as a registered nurse, holds a diploma~~
14 ~~or degree resulting from the completion of a course of study~~
15 ~~in a program approved pursuant to section 152.5, subsection 1,~~
16 ~~paragraph "c".~~ Complete a course of study approved by the
17 board pursuant to section 152.5.

18 Notwithstanding section 152.5, a person enrolled in an
19 academic course of study for registered nurses on June 30,
20 1995, shall be allowed to apply for a license as a practical
21 nurse which shall be issued after demonstrating completion of
22 the equivalent of one academic year course of study in theory
23 and practice as prescribed by the board. Applicants obtaining
24 licenses under this subsection may be required to complete
25 additional continuing education requirements as prescribed by
26 the board.

27 4. ~~If to practice as a licensed practical nurse, holds a~~
28 ~~diploma resulting from the completion of a course of study in~~
29 ~~a program approved pursuant to section 152.5, subsection 1,~~
30 ~~paragraph "d" or has successfully completed at least one~~
31 ~~academic year of a course of study in a program approved~~
32 ~~pursuant to section 152.5, subsection 1, paragraph "c" and has~~
33 ~~successfully completed all theoretical and clinical training~~
34 ~~as is required for a licensed practical nurse.~~

35 Sec. 3. EVALUATION. The board shall complete a study by

1 January 1, 1997, on the impact of modifications in the
2 licensed practical nurse educational requirements on the
3 availability of nursing personnel in Iowa. If the study
4 demonstrates a significant reduction in the availability of
5 nursing personnel, the board shall report these findings and
6 make recommendations to the general assembly.

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EXPLANATION

8 This bill requires that an individual complete one academic
9 year of study as prescribed by the board of nursing examiners
10 to be licensed as a practical nurse and two academic years of
11 study as prescribed by the board of nursing examiners to be
12 licensed as a registered nurse. The statute would no longer
13 recognize an equivalent in theory and practice. Section 152.7
14 is rewritten to simplify the language and reflect the changes
15 for the licensing of practical nurses and registered nurses.

16 A person enrolled in an academic course of study for
17 registered nurses on June 30, 1995, is allowed to apply for a
18 license as a practical nurse. Applicants may be required to
19 complete additional continuing education requirements. The
20 board is also required to complete a study by January 1, 1997,
21 analyzing the impact of this legislation on the availability
22 of nursing personnel and is to report back to the general
23 assembly.

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HSB 41

STATE GOVERNMENT

SUBMITTED BY
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SENATE/HOUSE FILE 217

BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH/BOARD OF
NURSING EXAMINERS BILL)

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6 ~~theory-and-practice-as-prescribed-by-the-board.~~

7 d. Requires, for graduation of a licensed practical nurse
8 applicant, the completion of at least an one academic year
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10 prescribed by the board.

11 Sec. 2. Section 152.7, subsections 3 and 4, Code 1995, are
12 amended to read as follows:

13 3. ~~If-to-practice-as-a-registered-nurse,-holds-a-diploma~~
14 ~~or-degree-resulting-from-the-completion-of-a-course-of-study~~
15 ~~in-a-program-approved-pursuant-to-section-152.57-subsection-17~~
16 ~~paragraph-"c".~~ Complete a course of study approved by the
17 board pursuant to section 152.5.

18 4. ~~---If-to-practice-as-a-licensed-practical-nurse,-holds-a~~
19 ~~diploma-resulting-from-the-completion--of-a-course-of-study-in~~
20 ~~a-program-approved-pursuant-to-section-152.57-subsection-17~~
21 ~~paragraph-"d"-or-has-successfully-completed-at-least-one~~
22 ~~academic-year-of-a-course-of-study-in-a-program-approved~~
23 ~~pursuant-to-section-152.57-subsection-17-paragraph-"c"-and-has~~
24 ~~successfully-completed-all-theoretical-and-clinical-training~~
25 ~~as-is-required-for-a-licensed-practical-nurse.~~

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill requires that an individual complete one academic
28 year of study as prescribed by the board of nursing examiners
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35 BACKGROUND STATEMENT

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SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY

The bill supports graduation from state-approved education programs which provide comprehensive preparation for the roles of the licensed practical nurse and registered nurse as the most appropriate requirement for licensure.

HOUSE FILE 217

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 152.5, subsection 1, paragraphs c and d, Code 1995, are amended to read as follows:

c. Requires, for graduation of a registered nurse applicant, the completion of at least a two academic year course of study ~~or its equivalent which is integrated in theory and practice as prescribed by the board.~~

d. Requires, for graduation of a licensed practical nurse applicant, the completion of at least an one academic year course of study ~~or its equivalent in theory and practice~~ as prescribed by the board.

Sec. 2. Section 152.7, subsections 3 and 4, Code 1995, are amended to read as follows:

3. ~~If to practice as a registered nurse, holds a diploma or degree resulting from the completion of a course of study in a program approved pursuant to section 152.5, subsection 1, paragraph "c".~~ Complete a course of study approved by the board pursuant to section 152.5.

Notwithstanding section 152.5, a person enrolled in an academic course of study for registered nurses on June 30, 1995, shall be allowed to apply for a license as a practical nurse which shall be issued after demonstrating completion of the equivalent of one academic year course of study in theory and practice as prescribed by the board. Applicants obtaining licenses under this subsection may be required to complete additional continuing education requirements as prescribed by the board.

~~4. If to practice as a licensed practical nurse, holds a diploma resulting from the completion of a course of study in a program approved pursuant to section 152.5, subsection 1,~~

~~paragraph "d" or has successfully completed at least one academic year of a course of study in a program approved pursuant to section 152.5, subsection 1, paragraph "c" and has successfully completed all theoretical and clinical training as is required for a licensed practical nurse.~~

Sec. 3. EVALUATION. The board shall complete a study by January 1, 1997, on the impact of modifications in the licensed practical nurse educational requirements on the availability of nursing personnel in Iowa. If the study demonstrates a significant reduction in the availability of nursing personnel, the board shall report these findings and make recommendations to the general assembly.

RON J. CORBETT
Speaker of the House

LEONARD L. BOSWELL
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 217, Seventy-sixth General Assembly.

ELIZABETH ISAACSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 25, 1995

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor