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SENATE/HOUSE FILE

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

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a change in the composition requirement for
2 nurses on the Iowa board of nursing examiners.

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

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2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. For nursing examiners, four registered nurses, one two
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5 whom shall be nurse educators from nursing education programs;
6 of these, one in higher education, ~~one in diploma education,~~
7 and one in area community and vocational-technical registered
8 nurse education; one licensed practical nurse actively engaged
9 in practice; and two members not registered nurses or licensed
10 practical nurses and who shall represent the general public.
11 The representatives of the general public shall not be members
12 of health care delivery systems. A majority of the members of
13 the board constitutes a quorum.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill provides for a change in the composition of the
16 board of nursing examiners. Currently, of the four registered
17 nurses included in the composition of the board, one was
18 required to be actively engaged in practice, and three were
19 required to be nurse educators, from nursing education
20 programs. The nursing education programs were required to
21 relate to higher education, diploma education, and area
22 community and vocational-technical registered nurse education,
23 respectively. The bill retains the four registered nurses
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28 affiliated with a diploma education program.

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BOARD OF NURSING

LORINDA K. INMAN, R.N., M.S.N., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TO: Members of the General Assembly

FROM: Lorinda K. Inman, R.N., M.S.N.
Executive Director

DATE: October 2, 1998

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation

A change in the composition of the Iowa Board of Nurse Examiners is a direct result of the voluntary closure of diploma schools of nursing. Changing this position from a registered nurse representing diploma education to a registered nurse actively engaged in practice reflects the findings of a formal project to research the organizational structure and function of the board and formulate recommendations for change in board composition that ensure protection of the public. The project addressed current literature, the work of the Iowa Board of Nursing, comparative data on board size and composition in Iowa and seven surrounding states, and licensee statistics. Input from nurses and nursing organizations in Iowa was compiled.

All diploma nursing education programs will close by May 1999. The current appointment of a diploma educator expires in 2001. The inclusion of a registered nurse actively engaged in practice provides the broadest choice for board representation from the perspectives of educational preparation and practice. This board member may be employed in long-term care, home health, acute care, hospice or other settings, or may be engaged in advanced practice. The change will equalize registered nurse representation from practice and education on the board.

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