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SENATE HOUSE FILE 99  
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH/BOARD OF  
NURSING EXAMINERS BILL)

Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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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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14 EXPLANATION

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ERRY E. BRANSTAD, GOVERNOR

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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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Attachment

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1055)

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Approved April 14, 1999

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MARY E. KRAMER  
President of the Senate

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RON J. CORBETT  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 99, Seventy-eighth General Assembly.

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MICHAEL E. MARSHALL  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved April 14, 1999

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THOMAS J. VILSACK  
Governor

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