

1 AN ACT concerning nurses.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act
5 is amended by changing Section 15-10 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 65/15-10)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

8 Sec. 15-10. Advanced practice nurse; qualifications;
9 roster.

10 (a) A person shall be qualified for licensure as an
11 advanced practice nurse if that person:

12 (1) has applied in writing in form and substance
13 satisfactory to the Department and has not violated a
14 provision of this Act or the rules adopted under this
15 Act. The Department may take into consideration any
16 felony conviction of the applicant but a conviction shall
17 not operate as an absolute bar to licensure;

18 (2) holds a current license to practice as a
19 registered nurse in Illinois;

20 (3) has successfully completed requirements to
21 practice as, and holds a current, national certification
22 as, a nurse midwife, clinical nurse specialist, nurse
23 practitioner, or certified registered nurse anesthetist
24 from the appropriate national certifying body as
25 determined by rule of the Department;

26 (4) has paid the required fees as set by rule; and

27 (5) has successfully completed a post-basic
28 advanced practice formal education program in the area of
29 his or her nursing specialty.

30 (b) In addition to meeting the requirements of
31 subsection (a), except item (5) of that subsection, beginning

1 July 1, 2001 or 12 months after the adoption of final rules
2 to implement this Section, whichever is sooner, applicants
3 for initial licensure shall have a graduate degree
4 appropriate for national certification in a clinical advanced
5 practice nursing specialty.

6 (b-5) A registered professional nurse seeking licensure
7 as an advanced practice nurse in the category of certified
8 registered nurse anesthetist who applies on or before
9 December 31, 2006 and does not have a graduate degree as
10 described in subsection (b) shall be qualified for licensure
11 if that person:

12 (1) submits evidence of having successfully
13 completed a nurse anesthesia program described in item
14 (5) of subsection (a) of this Section prior to January 1,
15 1999;

16 (2) submits evidence of certification as a
17 registered nurse anesthetist by an appropriate national
18 certifying body, as determined by rule of the Department;
19 and

20 (3) has continually maintained active, up-to-date
21 recertification status as a certified registered nurse
22 anesthetist by an appropriate national recertifying body,
23 as determined by rule of the Department.

24 (c) The Department shall provide by rule for APN
25 licensure of registered professional nurses who (1) apply for
26 licensure before July 1, 2001 and (2) submit evidence of
27 completion of a program described in item (5) of subsection
28 (a) or in subsection (b) and evidence of practice for at
29 least 10 years as a nurse practitioner.

30 (d) The Department shall maintain a separate roster of
31 advanced practice nurses licensed under this Title and their
32 licenses shall indicate "Registered Nurse/Advanced Practice
33 Nurse".

34 (Source: P.A. 90-742, eff. 8-13-98; 91-414, eff. 8-6-99.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.