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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Nursys (www.nursys.com) is the national nurse
3 licensure database operated by the National Council of State
4 Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), located in Chicago; and

5 WHEREAS, Boards of nursing in 48 states and territories
6 presently participate in Nursys and 3 additional jurisdictions
7 have signed agreements to fully participate in Nursys; and

8 WHEREAS, Nursys is a vital tool for boards of nursing to
9 protect the public; and

10 WHEREAS, Full-participating boards of nursing contribute
11 licensure and discipline data to Nursys; and

12 WHEREAS, Participation in Nursys is a no-cost benefit to
13 members of NCSBN and allows member boards of nursing to share
14 licensure and discipline data with other boards of nursing; and

15 WHEREAS, Participating boards of nursing retain complete
16 control of their data and are thus responsible and accountable
17 for their data in Nursys; and

18 WHEREAS, Nursys contains personal, licensure, education,
19 verification, and discipline information supplied as regular

1 updates by boards of nursing in the U.S. and its territories;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Nursys provides centralized license information
4 to boards of nursing, which in turn, use this data to verify
5 applicant license information, enter and review disciplinary
6 actions, and send electronic communications between boards of
7 nursing for information requests; and

8 WHEREAS, Employers and the public have free online access
9 to information about nurses who hold a license in a Nursys
10 fully-participating jurisdiction, including past disciplinary
11 history via the "Licensure Quick Confirm" feature on
12 www.nursys.com; and

13 WHEREAS, The Illinois Board of Nursing's current online
14 licensure lookup service will only display Illinois licenses
15 and does not display additional licenses held by Illinois
16 licensees in other jurisdictions; and

17 WHEREAS, The Illinois Board of Nursing is a dues-paying
18 member of NCSBN, but does not fully participate in the Nursys
19 database; and

20 WHEREAS, The Illinois Board of Nursing will not incur any
21 revenue loss by full participation in Nursys in view of

1 participation in the license verification service being
2 optional; and

3 WHEREAS, As a public protection function of Nursys, a board
4 of nursing that fully participates in Nursys receives immediate
5 notification whenever one of its state licensees is disciplined
6 in another jurisdiction, while, as a non-participant in Nursys,
7 Illinois does not benefit from such instant notifications;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the Illinois Board of Nursing
12 of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional
13 Regulation to take the necessary steps to become a full
14 participant of the Nursys national nurse licensure database;
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we further urge the Illinois Board of
17 Nursing to sign the Nursys participation agreement in 2012; and
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 delivered to the Illinois Board of Nursing of the Illinois
21 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.