

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1161 (Substitute for House Bill No. 979 by Representative Dustin Miller)

BY REPRESENTATIVES DUSTIN MILLER, BAGLEY, COX, HORTON, JACKSON, MAGEE, AND WILLMOTT

NURSES: Provides relative to the composition of the La. State Board of Nursing

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:914(B)(1), 916, 917, and 927(A), relative to the Louisiana
3 State Board of Nursing; to provide for composition of the board and qualifications
4 of board members; to provide relative to the fee schedule of the board; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:914(B)(1), 916, 917, and 927(A) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §914. Louisiana State Board of Nursing; appointment of members; term of office;
10 vacancy; officers; compensation

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12 B.(1) The board shall be composed of eight registered nurses appointed by
13 the governor from a list of names submitted by the Louisiana State Nurses
14 Association, one certified registered nurse anesthetist appointed by the governor
15 from a list of names submitted by the Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists,
16 Ltd., ~~and two physicians, appointed by the governor from a list of names submitted~~
17 ~~by the Louisiana State Medical Society, who shall serve as ex officio members of the~~
18 ~~board and shall serve only as advisors to the board and shall not vote~~ and two
19 representatives of the consumers of Louisiana from the state at-large appointed by

1 the governor, neither of whom shall be a nurse. Each board member shall possess
2 all of the applicable qualifications provided in R.S. 37:916.

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4 §916. Qualifications of board members

5 A.(1) Each registered nurse and advanced practice registered nurse member
6 of the board shall possess all of the following qualifications:

7 ~~(1) Be~~ (a) Is a citizen of the United States and has been a resident of
8 Louisiana for at least one year immediately prior to appointment.

9 ~~(2) Hold~~ (b) Holds a current, unencumbered, unrestricted, Louisiana license
10 to practice as a registered nurse.

11 ~~(3) Have had~~ (c) Has at least three years of experience in ~~respective~~ a field
12 of nursing practice.

13 ~~(4) Be~~ (d) Is actively engaged in the practice of nursing as a registered nurse
14 at the time of appointment.

15 B. (2) In addition to the qualifications provided in Paragraph (1) of this
16 Subsection ~~A~~, at least two registered nurse members of the board shall have a
17 minimum of a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

18 B. Each consumer member of the board shall possess all of the following
19 qualifications:

20 (1) Is a citizen of the United States and has been a resident of Louisiana for
21 at least one year immediately prior to appointment.

22 (2) Has attained the age of majority.

23 (3) Has never engaged in any activity directly related to the practice of
24 professional nursing.

25 (4) Has never been convicted of a felony.

26 §917. Composition of board

27 The board shall be composed of two members who are nursing service
28 administrators; three members who are nurse educators; three members who are in
29 other areas of nursing practice, ~~and~~ one of whom is an advanced practice registered

Proposed law requires that each consumer member of the board possess all of the following qualifications:

- (1) Is a citizen of the United States and has been a resident of La. for at least one year immediately prior to appointment.
- (2) Has attained the age of majority.
- (3) Has never engaged in any activity directly related to the practice of professional nursing.
- (4) Has never been convicted of a felony.

Present law provides that the board shall be composed, in part, of three members who are in areas of nursing practice other than nursing service administration or nursing education and one advanced practice registered nurse. Proposed law revises present law to provide that the board shall be composed, in part, of three members who are in areas of nursing practice other than nursing service administration or nursing education, one of whom shall be an advanced practice registered nurse, and one certified registered nurse anesthetist.

Present law requires the board to establish reasonable fees for issuance and renewal of licenses and permits, and provides that such fees shall not exceed \$100. Proposed law retains present law and stipulates that such fees shall not exceed \$100 per calendar year.

(Amends R.S. 37:914(B)(1), 916, 917, and 927(A))