

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 1161

2016 Regular Session

Dustin Miller

June 6, 2016

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 1161 by Representative Dustin Miller, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator White (#4114) be rejected.
2. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Martiny (#4117) be rejected.
3. That the following amendments to the Engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "927(A)" and before the comma "," insert "and to enact R.S. 37:920(B)(3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "members;" and before "to provide" insert "to provide for licensure by endorsement of applicants to the board;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 8, after "reenacted" and before "to read" insert "and R.S. 37:920(B)(3) is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 28 after "educators" and before "three" delete ";" and insert in lieu thereof a comma "," and "one of whom is a representative of an associate degree program in nursing, if such a representative applies to be and is submitted as a candidate for board membership in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 37:914(B);"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

"§920. Licensure; qualifications; examination; renewal; temporary permits

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(3) The board may conduct licensure by endorsement only in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection.

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Respectfully submitted,

Representative Dustin Miller

Senator Fred Mills

Representative Frank A. Hoffmann

Senator Daniel "Danny" Martiny

Representative Katrina Jackson

Senator Gerald Boudreaux

DIGEST

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

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

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Provided that one member of the La. State Board of Nursing shall be a person appointed by the governor who represents a private, proprietary, community technical college with a nursing program.
2. Deleted all provisions of proposed law relative to qualifications of the nurse members of the La. State Board of Nursing.
3. Provided that the following qualifications originally required by proposed law exclusively for non-nurse members of the La. State Board of Nursing instead apply to each non-nurse and nurse member of the board uniformly:
 - (a) Is a citizen of the United States and has been a resident of La. for at least one year immediately prior to appointment.
 - (b) Has attained the age of majority.
 - (c) Has never been convicted of a felony.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Require that one of the three members of the La. State Board of Nursing be a representative of an associate degree program in nursing, if such a representative applies to be and is submitted as a candidate for board membership in accordance with the provisions of present law, R.S. 37:914(B).
2. Provide that the La. State Board of Nursing may conduct licensure by endorsement only in accordance with the provisions of present law, R.S. 37:920(B).

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides that the La. State Board of Nursing, referred to hereafter as "the board", shall be composed of eight registered nurses appointed by the governor from a list of names submitted by the La. State Nurses Association, one certified registered nurse anesthetist appointed by the governor from a list of names submitted by the La. Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Ltd., and two physicians appointed by the governor from a list of names submitted by the La. State Medical Society who shall serve as ex officio members of the board and shall serve only as advisors and shall not vote.

Proposed law revises the composition of the board provided in present law to remove the two nonvoting physician members and add in lieu thereof two members who are representatives of the consumers of the state at-large appointed by the governor, neither of whom shall be a nurse, and both of whom shall be voting members.

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 nurse educators, 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 nurse educators, one of whom is a representative of an associate degree program in nursing, if such a representative applies to be and is submitted as a candidate for board membership; 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; one certified registered nurse anesthetist.

Present law provides for licensure by endorsement of registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses who are duly licensed under the laws of another state, territory, or country, who file an applications and meet qualifications for licensure in this state as provided in present law. Proposed law retains present law and stipulates that the board may conduct licensure by endorsement only in accordance with the provisions of present law.

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); Adds R.S. 37:920(B)(3))