

Senate Bill No. 452

(By Senator Beach)

[Introduced March 5, 2013; referred to the Committee on
Government Organization.]

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4 A BILL to amend and reenact §30-7-3 of the Code of West Virginia,
5 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the membership of the
6 Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses from
7 five to ten members.
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10 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

11 That §30-7-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
12 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
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14 **ARTICLE 7. REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES.**

15 **§30-7-3. Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses.**

16 The Governor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent
17 of the Senate, a board consisting of ~~five~~ ten members who shall
18 constitute and be known as the West Virginia Board of Examiners for
19 Registered Professional Nurses.
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21 Appointments hereunder shall be made by the Governor, by and
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1 with the advice and consent of the Senate, from lists submitted to
2 the Governor by the West Virginia Nurses' Association. Such lists
3 shall contain the names of at least three persons eligible for
4 membership for each membership or vacancy to be filled and shall be
5 submitted to the Governor on or before June 1 of each year and at
6 such other time or times as a vacancy on the board shall exist.
7 Appointments under the provisions of this article shall be for a
8 term of five years each or for the unexpired term, if any, of the
9 present members. Any member may be eligible for reappointment, but
10 no member shall serve longer than two successive terms. Vacancies
11 shall be filled in the same manner as is provided for appointment
12 in the first instance. The Governor may remove any member for
13 neglect of duty, for incompetence, or for unprofessional or
14 dishonorable conduct.

15 Of the ten board members, nine members shall be registered
16 nurses and one member shall be a public consumer. The nine
17 registered nurse members on the board shall be apportioned as
18 follows: (a) Three advanced practice registered nurses who are
19 currently and solely in clinical practice and have practiced for a
20 minimum of five years, and which shall include one nurse
21 anesthetist, one nurse practitioner and one nurse midwife, (b) two
22 nursing educators, (c) two nurse administrators, and (d) two
23 currently practicing registered nurses who have practiced as a

1 registered nurse for at least five years in any role that provides
2 direct patient care.

3 Each member of the board hereafter appointed shall ~~(a)~~ be a
4 citizen of the United States and a resident of this state, and each
5 registered nurse member shall: ~~(b)~~ (a) Be a graduate from an
6 accredited educational program in this or any other state for the
7 preparation of practitioners of registered professional nursing, or
8 be a graduate from an accredited college or university with a major
9 in the field of nursing, ~~(c)~~ (b) be a graduate from an accredited
10 college or university, and ~~(d)~~ (c) be a registered professional
11 nurse licensed in this state or eligible for licensure as such. ~~(e)~~
12 ~~have had at least five years of experience in teaching in an~~
13 ~~educational program for the preparation of practitioners of~~
14 ~~registered professional nursing, or in a combination of such~~
15 ~~teaching and either nursing service administration or nursing~~
16 ~~education administration, and (f) have been actually engaged in~~
17 ~~registered professional nursing for at least three within the past~~
18 ~~five years preceding his or her appointment or reappointment.~~

19 Each member of the board shall receive \$50 for each day
20 actually spent in attending meetings of the board, or of its
21 committees, and shall also be reimbursed for actual and necessary
22 expenses: *Provided*, That the per diem increased by this amendment
23 shall be effective upon passage of this article.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is increase the membership of the Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses from five to ten members. The board will be comprised of nine nurse members and one public consumer member. The nurse members will include three advanced practice registered nurses, two registered nurses, two nurse administrators and two nursing educators.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.