

Senate Bill No. 210

(By Senator Beach)

[Introduced January 8, 2014; referred to the Committee on
Government Organization.]

**FISCAL
NOTE**

A BILL to amend and reenact §30-7-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the membership of the Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses from five to ten members; providing that nine members be registered nurses and one member a public consumer; and setting forth the qualifications of those nurses who may serve.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §30-7-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 7. REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES.

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

The Governor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a board consisting of ~~five~~ ten members who shall constitute and be known as the West Virginia Board of Examiners for

1 Registered Professional Nurses.

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

17 Of the ten board members, nine members shall be registered
18 nurses and one member shall be a public consumer. The nine
19 registered nurse members on the board shall be apportioned as
20 follows: (1) Three advanced practice registered nurses who are
21 currently and solely in clinical practice and have practiced for a
22 minimum of five years, and which shall include one nurse
23 anesthetist, one nurse practitioner and one nurse midwife; (2) two

1 nursing educators; (3) two nurse administrators; and (4) two
2 currently practicing registered nurses who have practiced as a
3 registered nurse for at least five years in any role that provides
4 direct patient care.

5 Each member of the board hereafter appointed shall ~~(a)~~ be a
6 citizen of the United States and a resident of this state, and each
7 registered nurse member shall: ~~(b)~~ (1) Be a graduate from an
8 accredited educational program in this or any other state for the
9 preparation of practitioners of registered professional nursing, or
10 be a graduate from an accredited college or university with a major
11 in the field of nursing; ~~(c)~~ (2) be a graduate from an accredited
12 college or university; and ~~(d)~~ (3) be a registered professional
13 nurse licensed in this state or eligible for licensure as such. ~~(e)~~
14 ~~have had at least five years of experience in teaching in an~~
15 ~~educational program for the preparation of practitioners of~~
16 ~~registered professional nursing, or in a combination of such~~
17 ~~teaching and either nursing service administration or nursing~~
18 ~~education administration, and (f) have been actually engaged in~~
19 ~~registered professional nursing for at least three within the past~~
20 ~~five years preceding his or her appointment or reappointment.~~

21 Each member of the board shall receive \$50 for each day
22 actually spent in attending meetings of the board, or of its
23 committees, and shall also be reimbursed for actual and necessary

1 expenses: *Provided*, That the per diem increased by this amendment
2 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. The bill also sets forth the qualifications of those nurses who may serve.

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