

1 HOUSE BILL 277

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE
12 NURSING PRACTICE ACT TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF NURSING TO
13 ESTABLISH BY RULE REQUIREMENTS THAT SCHOOLS OF NURSING IN THE
14 STATE PROVIDE NURSING EDUCATION CREDIT FOR MILITARY MEDICAL
15 EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

18 SECTION 1. Section 61-3-26 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
19 Chapter 44, Section 22, as amended) is amended to read:

20 "61-3-26. SCHOOLS OF NURSING--STANDARDS--APPROVAL.--

21 A. An institution desiring to conduct a nursing
22 education program to prepare registered or licensed practical
23 nurses shall apply to the board for approval and submit
24 evidence that it is prepared to:

25 (1) [~~it is prepared to~~] carry out a program in

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1 professional nursing education or a program in licensed
2 practical nursing education, as the case may be; and

3 (2) ~~[it is prepared to]~~ meet ~~[such]~~ standards
4 ~~[as are established by]~~ that the board has established by rule.

5 B. A survey of the institution with which the
6 school is to be affiliated shall be made by a member of the
7 board or an authorized employee of the board who shall submit a
8 written report of the survey to the board. If, in the opinion
9 of the board, the requirements for approval are met, a
10 certificate of approval shall be issued.

11 C. From time to time, as deemed necessary by the
12 board, it is the duty of the board, through a board member or
13 an authorized employee, to survey all schools of nursing in
14 this state.

15 D. For the purpose of evaluating the educational
16 qualifications for licensure of a candidate as either a
17 registered or licensed practical nurse under Subsection B of
18 either Section 61-3-13 or 61-3-18 NMSA 1978, the board shall
19 set standards comparable to the minimum standards applicable in
20 this state for recognition of schools of nursing in other
21 jurisdictions.

22 E. The board shall adopt and promulgate rules to
23 require all schools of nursing in the state to provide to
24 candidates for licensure under the Nursing Practice Act nursing
25 education credit for military medical education and experience.

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1 This credit shall be provided through the use of challenge
2 examinations or other methods of evaluation. The board shall
3 post on its website information directed at military personnel
4 and veterans, which information shall explain its rules for
5 acceptance at schools of nursing of military course work and
6 experience."

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