

AN ACT concerning nurses.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act
is amended by changing Section 15-10 as follows:

(225 ILCS 65/15-10)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

Sec. 15-10. Advanced practice nurse; qualifications;
roster.

(a) A person shall be qualified for licensure as an
advanced practice nurse if that person:

(1) has applied in writing in form and substance
satisfactory to the Department and has not violated a
provision of this Act or the rules adopted under this
Act. The Department may take into consideration any
felony conviction of the applicant but a conviction shall
not operate as an absolute bar to licensure;

(2) holds a current license to practice as a
registered nurse in Illinois;

(3) has successfully completed requirements to
practice as, and holds a current, national certification
as, a nurse midwife, clinical nurse specialist, nurse
practitioner, or certified registered nurse anesthetist
from the appropriate national certifying body as
determined by rule of the Department;

(4) has paid the required fees as set by rule; and

(5) has successfully completed a post-basic
advanced practice formal education program in the area of
his or her nursing specialty.

(b) In addition to meeting the requirements of
subsection (a), except item (5) of that subsection, beginning

July 1, 2001 or 12 months after the adoption of final rules to implement this Section, whichever is sooner, applicants for initial licensure shall have a graduate degree appropriate for national certification in a clinical advanced practice nursing specialty.

(b-5) A registered professional nurse seeking licensure as an advanced practice nurse in the category of certified registered nurse anesthetist who applies on or before December 31, 2006 and does not have a graduate degree as described in subsection (b) shall be qualified for licensure if that person:

(1) submits evidence of having successfully completed a nurse anesthesia program described in item (5) of subsection (a) of this Section prior to January 1, 1999;

(2) submits evidence of certification as a registered nurse anesthetist by an appropriate national certifying body, as determined by rule of the Department; and

(3) has continually maintained active, up-to-date recertification status as a certified registered nurse anesthetist by an appropriate national recertifying body, as determined by rule of the Department.

(c) The Department shall provide by rule for APN licensure of registered professional nurses who (1) apply for licensure before July 1, 2001 and (2) submit evidence of completion of a program described in item (5) of subsection (a) or in subsection (b) and evidence of practice for at least 10 years as a nurse practitioner.

(d) The Department shall maintain a separate roster of advanced practice nurses licensed under this Title and their licenses shall indicate "Registered Nurse/Advanced Practice Nurse".

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Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
becoming law.