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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,  
JANUARY 21, 2015

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), entitled, as  
2 amended, "An act relating to the practice of professional  
3 nursing; providing for the licensing of nurses and for the  
4 revocation and suspension of such licenses, subject to  
5 appeal, and for their reinstatement; providing for the  
6 renewal of such licenses; regulating nursing in general;  
7 prescribing penalties and repealing certain laws," further  
8 providing for refusal, suspension or revocation of licenses.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 14(a) (8) of the act of May 22, 1951  
12 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, amended  
13 June 29, 2002 (P.L.651, No.99), is amended to read:

14 Section 14. Refusal, Suspension or Revocation of Licenses.--

15 (a) The Board may refuse, suspend or revoke any license in any  
16 case where the Board shall find that--

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18 (8) The licensee possessed, used, acquired or distributed a  
19 controlled substance or caution legend drug for other than an  
20 acceptable medical purpose. If the licensee is convicted of an

1 offense under section 13(a)(12) of the act of April 14, 1972  
2 (P.L.233, No.64), known as "The Controlled Substance, Drug,  
3 Device and Cosmetic Act," or a substantially similar offense in  
4 another state, the Board shall permanently revoke the license of  
5 the licensee.

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7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.