
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1835 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY MARCELL, GUENST, KEEFER, MALAGARI, NEILSON AND
ROWE, NOVEMBER 8, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
NOVEMBER 8, 2023

AN ACT

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

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 2.1(a) and (b) of the act of May 22, 1951
12 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, are
13 amended to read:

14 Section 2.1. State Board of Nursing.--(a) The State Board
15 of Nursing shall consist of the Commissioner of Professional and
16 Occupational Affairs, three members appointed by the Governor,
17 with the advice and consent of a majority of the members elected
18 to the Senate, who shall be persons representing the public at
19 large, and nine members appointed by the Governor, with the
20 advice and consent of a majority of the members elected to the

1 Senate, six of whom shall be registered nurses, graduated from
2 schools of nursing where practical and theoretical instruction
3 is given, at least three of whom shall possess Masters' degrees
4 in nursing, two of whom shall be licensed practical nurses and
5 one of whom shall be a licensed dietitian-nutritionist, and all
6 of whom shall have been engaged in nursing or the practice of
7 dietetics-nutrition in this Commonwealth for the five-year
8 period immediately preceding appointment and all of whom shall
9 be residents of this Commonwealth. The dietitian-nutritionist
10 member of the board initially appointed need not be licensed by
11 the licensure examination adopted by the board but, at the time
12 of appointment, must have satisfied the education and experience
13 requirements of this act for licensure as a dietitian-
14 nutritionist. In making appointments to the Board, the Governor
15 shall give due consideration to providing representation from
16 diversified fields of nursing or dietetics-nutrition, including,
17 but not limited to, specialized nurses or dietitian-
18 nutritionists of all types. The persons representing the public
19 at large may not have a financial interest in the provision of
20 goods and services for dietitian-nutritionists and may not be a
21 dietitian-nutritionist or have a household member who is a
22 dietitian-nutritionist.

23 (b) The terms of the members of the Board shall be [six]
24 four years or until his or her successor has been appointed and
25 qualified but not longer than six months beyond the [six-year]
26 four-year period. In the event that any of said members shall
27 die or resign or otherwise become disqualified during his or her
28 term, his or her successor shall be appointed in the same way
29 and with the same qualifications and shall hold office for the
30 unexpired term. No member shall be eligible for appointment to

1 serve more than two consecutive terms.

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