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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Latvala moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 46 and 47

insert:

Section 2. Section 464.008, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

464.008 Licensure by examination.—

(1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse shall apply to the department to take the licensure examination. The department shall examine each applicant who meets all of the following requirements:



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12           (a) Completes ~~Has completed~~ the application form and remits  
13 an application ~~remitted a fee of up to \$150 as set by the board~~  
14 ~~not to exceed \$150 and has remitted an examination fee of up to~~  
15 \$75 as set by the board, ~~not to exceed \$75~~ plus the actual per  
16 applicant cost to the department for purchase of the examination  
17 from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing or a  
18 similar national organization.

19           (b) Provides a set of fingerprints to ~~Has provided~~  
20 ~~sufficient information on or after October 1, 1989, which must~~  
21 be submitted by the department for a statewide criminal records  
22 correspondence check through the Department of Law Enforcement;~~;~~

23           (c) Is in good mental and physical health.~~;~~

24           (d) Is a recipient of a high school diploma or the  
25 equivalent.~~;~~ ~~and~~

26           (e) Completes, within 1 year before taking the examination,  
27 ~~Has completed~~ the requirements for:

- 28           1. Graduation from an approved program;
- 29           2. Graduation from a prelicensure nursing education program  
30 that the board determines is equivalent to an approved program;
- 31           3. Graduation on or after July 1, 2009, from an accredited  
32 program; or
- 33           4. Graduation before July 1, 2009, from a prelicensure  
34 nursing education program whose graduates at that time were  
35 eligible for examination.

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37 Courses successfully completed in a professional nursing  
38 education program which ~~that~~ are at least equivalent to a  
39 practical nursing education program may be used to satisfy the  
40 education requirements for licensure as a licensed practical



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41 nurse.

42 (f) ~~(d)~~ Has the ability to communicate in the English  
43 language, which may be determined by an examination given by the  
44 department.

45 (2) Each applicant who passes the examination and provides  
46 proof of meeting the educational requirements specified in  
47 subsection (1) shall, unless denied pursuant to s. 464.018, be  
48 entitled to licensure as a registered professional nurse or a  
49 licensed practical nurse, as ~~whichever is~~ applicable.

50 (3) An ~~Any~~ applicant who fails the examination three  
51 consecutive times, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the  
52 examination is taken, must ~~shall be required to~~ complete a  
53 board-approved remedial course before the applicant may ~~will~~ be  
54 approved for reexamination. After taking the remedial course,  
55 the applicant may be approved to retake the examination up to  
56 three additional times before the applicant is required to  
57 retake remediation. The applicant shall apply for reexamination  
58 within 6 months after completion of remediation. The board shall  
59 by rule establish guidelines for remedial courses.

60 (4) A person who applies to take the licensure examination  
61 more than 1 year after satisfying the educational requirements  
62 specified in subsection (1) must complete a licensure  
63 examination preparatory course approved by the board before  
64 being approved for examination.

65 Section 3. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 464.015,  
66 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

67 464.015 Titles and abbreviations; restrictions; penalty.—

68 (3) Only persons who are graduates of prelicensure nursing  
69 education programs listed in s. 464.008(1)(e) ~~s. 464.008(1)(e)~~



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70 may use the term "Graduate Nurse" and the abbreviation "G.N.,"  
71 pending the results of the first licensure examination for which  
72 they are eligible.

73 (4) Only persons who are graduates of prelicensure nursing  
74 education programs listed in s. 464.008(1)(e) ~~s. 464.008(1)(e)~~  
75 may use the term "Graduate Practical Nurse" and the abbreviation  
76 "G.P.N.," pending the results of the first licensure examination  
77 for which they are eligible.

78 Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 464.022, Florida  
79 Statutes, is amended to read:

80 464.022 Exceptions.—No provision of this part shall be  
81 construed to prohibit:

82 (4) The practice of nursing by graduates of prelicensure  
83 nursing education programs listed in s. 464.008(1)(e) ~~s.~~  
84 ~~464.008(1)(e)~~, pending the result of the first licensing  
85 examination for which they are eligible following graduation, if  
86 ~~provided~~ they practice under direct supervision of a registered  
87 professional nurse. The board shall by rule define what  
88 constitutes direct supervision.

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90 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

91 And the title is amended as follows:

92 Between lines 3 and 4

93 insert:

94 amending s. 464.008, F.S.; requiring certain  
95 applicants for licensure to take a preparatory course;  
96 amending ss. 464.015 and 464.022, F.S.; conforming  
97 cross-references;