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SENATE BILL 12-091

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE
102 PRACTICE OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATION, AND, IN
103 CONNECTION THEREWITH, MODIFYING THE CRITERIA FOR
104 NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS TO QUALIFY TO SERVE ON THE
105 BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS,
106 MODIFYING THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS
107 APPLYING TO TAKE THE NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR
108 LICENSURE EXAMINATION OR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
109 ADMINISTRATOR-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM, AND PERMITTING A
110 NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR WHO HAS PASSED A NATIONAL
111 EXAMINATION AND AN EXAMINATION IN ANOTHER STATE TO SIT
112 FOR THE COLORADO LICENSURE EXAMINATION.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

In order to qualify to serve on the board of examiners of nursing home administrators (board), current law requires nursing home administrator (NHA) members to be engaged in particular areas of discipline in the profession and to have been actively engaged in the profession for at least 5 years. **Section 1** of the bill eliminates the requirement that NHAs practice in a specific discipline area in order to serve on the board. **Section 2** reduces the period during which an NHA must be engaged in the profession to 3 years.

An NHA applying to take the NHA licensure examination must have either successfully completed the administrator-in-training (AIT) program; completed a bachelor's degree in public health administration; or completed an associate's degree in a health care-related field and have at least 2 years experience in administration in a nursing home or hospital. Under board rules, to satisfy the experience-in-administration component, an applicant must be supervising and exercising reasonable control over at least 5 subordinates. **Section 3** reduces the number of subordinates that an applicant must supervise to 3 subordinates and reduces the required amount of experience from 2 years to one year. Section 3 also requires the board to allow an NHA who has passed both a national NHA examination and an examination in another state to take the Colorado licensure examination.

Finally, current law requires an AIT program participant to complete 2,000 hours of training before he or she is eligible to take the NHA licensure examination. **Section 4** reduces the required training period to 500 hours.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-39-104, **amend**

3 (1) (a) introductory portion and (1) (a) (I) as follows:

4 **12-39-104. Board of examiners of nursing home**
5 **administrators - creation - subject to termination.** (1) (a) ~~There is~~

1 ~~hereby created a~~ THE board of examiners of nursing home administrators
2 IS HEREBY CREATED in the division of registrations in the department of
3 regulatory agencies. ~~which~~ THE board ~~shall be~~ IS composed of the
4 following members appointed by the governor:

5 (I) Three members ~~shall be~~ WHO ARE practicing nursing home
6 administrators duly licensed under this article. ~~and shall be from the~~
7 following areas of discipline, ~~with no two members from the same area:~~

- 8 (A) ~~Hospital administration;~~
- 9 (B) ~~Nonprofit facility administration;~~
- 10 (C) ~~Proprietary facility administration; or~~
- 11 (D) ~~Continuum of care administration;~~

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-39-104.5, **amend**
13 (1) as follows:

14 **12-39-104.5. Qualifications of board members.** (1) A nursing
15 home administrator ~~shall be~~ IS qualified to be appointed to the board if
16 ~~such~~ THE person:

- 17 (a) Is a legal resident of Colorado;
- 18 (b) Is currently licensed as a nursing home administrator; AND
- 19 (c) Has been actively engaged as a licensed nursing home
20 administrator for at least ~~five~~ THREE years.

21 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-39-106, **amend**
22 (1) as follows:

23 **12-39-106. Qualifications for admission to examination.**
24 (1) The board shall admit to examination for licensure as a nursing home
25 administrator any applicant who pays a fee as determined by the board,
26 who submits evidence of suitability prescribed by the board, who is
27 twenty-one years of age or older, and who EITHER:

1 (a) Provides written documentation that the applicant meets one
2 of the following requirements:

3 (a) (I) The applicant has successfully completed the
4 administrator-in-training program pursuant to section 12-39-107; or

5 (b) (II) The applicant has successfully completed a bachelor's
6 degree in public health administration, health administration, or any
7 degree or degrees deemed appropriate by the board; or

8 (c) (III) (A) The applicant has successfully completed an
9 associate's degree or higher degree in a health care-related field and has
10 a minimum of ~~two years~~ ONE YEAR OF experience in administration in a
11 nursing home or hospital. For the purposes of this section, a registered
12 nurse who is a graduate of a three-year diploma program ~~shall be~~
13 ~~considered to have met~~ MEETS the associate degree requirement.

14 (B) FOR PURPOSES OF THE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED BY THIS
15 SUBPARAGRAPH (III), AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE DAY-TO-DAY, ON-SITE
16 RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISING, DIRECTING, MANAGING, MONITORING,
17 OR EXERCISING REASONABLE CONTROL OVER THREE SUBORDINATES FOR
18 TWO YEARS; OR

19 (b) PROVIDES WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION VERIFYING THAT THE
20 APPLICANT HAS PASSED A NATIONAL EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY A
21 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TESTING ENTITY FOR NURSING HOME
22 ADMINISTRATORS AND HAS PASSED AN EXAMINATION IN ANOTHER STATE.

23 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-39-107, **amend**
24 (1) as follows:

25 **12-39-107. Administrator-in-training.** (1) THE BOARD MAY
26 GRANT ADMISSION INTO THE NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR-IN-TRAINING
27 PROGRAM TO an applicant for a nursing home administrator's license who

1 meets the board's criteria for education and experience, pursuant to
2 section 12-39-107.5. ~~may be granted admission into the nursing home~~
3 ~~administrator-in-training program.~~ Upon successful completion of the
4 ~~two-thousand-hour~~ FIVE-HUNDRED-HOUR training period, ~~said~~ THE
5 applicant ~~shall be~~ IS eligible to take the examination.

6 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
7 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.