

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 591

BY SENATOR MCPHERSON

NURSES. Provides for the qualifications of an applicant for licensure as a practical nurse.  
(8/15/10)

1 AN ACT  
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:970, relative to the licensure of nurses; to provide for the  
3 qualifications for licensure as a practical nurse; and to provide for related matters.  
4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:  
5 Section 1. R.S. 37:970 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:  
6 §970. Qualifications of applicants  
7 An applicant for a license to practice as a practical nurse shall:  
8 (1) Be of good moral character;  
9 (2) Be a **permanent resident or** citizen of the United States ~~or have taken~~  
10 ~~out his first citizenship papers;~~  
11 (3) Have successfully completed the course in an accredited school for the  
12 training of practical nurses.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Greg Waddell.

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DIGEST

McPherson (SB 591)

Present law provides that an applicant for a license to practice as a practical nurse shall:

- (1) Be of good moral character.
- (2) Be a citizen of the United States or have taken out his first citizenship papers.
- (3) Have successfully completed the course in an accredited school for the training of practical nurses.

Proposed law removes the requirement for licensure as a practical nurse of an applicant having taken out his first citizenship papers and expands the requirement to allow an applicant who is a permanent resident.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 37:970)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill.

1. Replaces provision which requires the applicant to be a citizen of the United States and expands the requirement to include applicants who are permanent residents of the United States.