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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 344.030, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to nursing home administrator licenses.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 344.030, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 344.030, to read as follows:

344.030. 1. An applicant for an initial license shall file a completed
2 application with the board on a form provided by the board, accompanied by an
3 application fee as provided by rule payable to the department of health and senior
4 services. Information provided in the application shall be attested by signature
5 to be true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief.

6 2. No initial license shall be issued to a person as a nursing home
7 administrator unless:

8 (1) The applicant provides the board satisfactory proof that the applicant
9 is of good moral character and a high school graduate or equivalent;

10 (2) The applicant provides the board satisfactory proof that the applicant
11 has had a minimum of three years' experience in health care administration or
12 two years of postsecondary education in health care administration, **or an**
13 **associate degree or higher from an accredited academic institution**, or
14 has satisfactorily completed a course of instruction and training prescribed by the
15 board, which includes instruction in the needs properly to be served by nursing
16 homes, the protection of the interests of residents therein, and the elements of
17 good nursing home administration, or has presented evidence satisfactory to the
18 board of sufficient education, training, or experience in the foregoing fields to
19 administer, supervise and manage a nursing home; and

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

20 (3) The applicant passes the examinations administered by the board. If
21 an applicant fails to make a passing grade on either of the examinations such
22 applicant may make application for reexamination on a form furnished by the
23 board and may be retested. If an applicant fails either of the examinations a
24 third time, the applicant shall be required to complete a course of instruction
25 prescribed and approved by the board. After completion of the board-prescribed
26 course of instruction, the applicant may reapply for examination. With regard to
27 the national examination required for licensure, no examination scores from other
28 states shall be recognized by the board after the applicant has failed his or her
29 third attempt at the national examination. There shall be a separate,
30 nonrefundable fee for each examination. The board shall set the amount of the
31 fee for examination by rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to section
32 536.021. The fee shall be set at a level to produce revenue which shall not
33 substantially exceed the cost and expense of administering the examination.

34 3. Nothing in sections 344.010 to 344.108, or the rules or regulations
35 thereunder shall be construed to require an applicant for a license as a nursing
36 home administrator, who is employed by an institution listed and certified by the
37 Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing
38 Organizations/Facilities, Inc., to administer institutions certified by such
39 commission for the care and treatment of the sick in accordance with the creed
40 or tenets of a recognized church or religious denomination, to demonstrate
41 proficiency in any techniques or to meet any educational qualifications or
42 standards not in accord with the remedial care and treatment provided in such
43 institutions. The applicant's license shall be endorsed to confine the applicant's
44 practice to such institutions.

45 4. The board may issue a temporary emergency license for a period not to
46 exceed **[ninety] one hundred and twenty** days to a person **[twenty-one years**
47 **of age or over, of good moral character and a high school graduate or equivalent]**
48 **that has met the temporary emergency license criteria established by**
49 **the board** to serve as an acting **[nursing home]** administrator, provided such
50 person is replacing a licensed **[nursing home]** administrator who has died, has
51 been removed or has vacated the **[nursing home]** administrator's position. No
52 temporary emergency license may be issued to a person who has had **[a nursing**
53 **home] an** administrator's license denied, suspended or revoked. **[A temporary**
54 **emergency license may be renewed for one additional ninety-day period upon a**
55 **showing that the person seeking the renewal of a temporary emergency license**

56 meets the qualifications for licensure and has filed an application for a regular
57 license, accompanied by the application fee, and the applicant has taken the
58 examination or examinations but the results have not been received by the board.
59 No temporary emergency license may be renewed more than one time.]

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