

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 590 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY KEEFER, ROAE, JAMES, ROSSI, STAMBAUGH, GUENST, KAUFFMAN, STAATS, HAMM, M. MACKENZIE, TWARDZIK, CIRESI, LEADBETER, FINK, PICKETT, GROVE, B. MILLER, GLEIM, ROWE, GILLEN, D. WILLIAMS AND OTTEN, MARCH 21, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MARCH 21, 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 examinations and certificates; and abrogating regulations.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 5 of the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317,
 12 No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, is amended by
 13 adding a subsection to read:

14 Section 5. Examinations and Certificates.--* * *

15 (f) The Board shall immediately admit to examination an
 16 eligible applicant who has satisfactorily completed a nursing
 17 education program approved and listed under sections 6.1 and 6.2
 18 for the preparation of registered professional nurses upon
 19 receipt of a nursing education verification under this
 20 subsection. The approved nursing education program shall submit

1 the nursing education verification to the Board immediately upon
2 the eligible applicant's satisfactory completion of the approved
3 nursing education program. The Board shall not delay admission
4 to examination for an eligible applicant who meets the
5 requirements under this subsection.

6 Section 2. The provisions of 49 Pa. Code §§ 21.21 and 21.23
7 are abrogated insofar as they are inconsistent with the addition
8 of section 5(f) of the act.

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