

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1003

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO NURSES; AMENDING SECTION 54-1410, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVI-
3 SIONS REGARDING NURSE EMERITUS LICENSES; AND AMENDING SECTION 54-1411,
4 IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING RENEWAL AND REINSTATEMENT OF
5 NURSE LICENSES.

6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 54-1410, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 54-1410. NURSE EMERITUS LICENSE. (1) Any licensee in good standing,
10 who desires to retire for any length of time from the practice of nursing
11 in this state, shall submit a request in writing, surrender the current
12 license, and pay the required fee; thereafter the current license shall be
13 placed on inactive status and an emeritus status license issued.

14 ~~(2) An emeritus status license shall be renewed biennially following~~
15 ~~submission of a renewal application and fee.~~

16 ~~(3) Fees are nonrefundable and cannot be prorated.~~

17 (43) An emeritus status license does not entitle the holder to practice
18 nursing in the state of Idaho, except that:

19 (a) A registered nurse with an emeritus status license may use the title
20 "registered nurse," or the abbreviation "RN"; and

21 (b) A practical nurse with an emeritus status license may use the title
22 "licensed practical nurse," or the abbreviation "LPN"; and

23 (c) An advanced practice registered nurse with an emeritus status li-
24 cense may use an appropriate title or designation as set forth in sec-
25 tion 54-1402 (1), Idaho Code.

26 ~~(54) The board may reinstate a license with emeritus status to a license~~
27 ~~with active status upon payment of the required reinstatement fee, submis-~~
28 ~~sion of a satisfactory reinstatement application and proof of current compe-~~
29 ~~tency to practice.~~

30 ~~(6) If the emeritus status license is allowed to lapse, the licensee~~
31 ~~shall not hold himself out by the designation "RN" or "LPN," or by any other~~
32 ~~title or designation.~~

33 (75) When disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against a li-
34 censee with emeritus status, the license shall not be reinstated until the
35 proceedings have been completed.

36 SECTION 2. That Section 54-1411, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
37 amended to read as follows:

38 54-1411. RENEWAL AND REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE. (1) Renewal. Except
39 for emeritus status, eEach license issued pursuant to this chapter shall be
40 valid from the date of its issue until the first renewal date thereafter.

- 1 (a) No license shall be valid unless renewed each and every two (2)
2 years on the renewal dates fixed by the board.
- 3 (b) The board may impose a renewal fee in an amount not to exceed one
4 hundred dollars (\$100).
- 5 (c) A license that is not timely renewed is a lapsed license.
- 6 (2) Certified nurse-midwives, clinical nurse specialists, certified
7 registered nurse anesthetists and certified nurse practitioners desiring
8 license renewal must provide proof, satisfactory to the board, of the ap-
9 plicant's competence to practice by documenting completion of a peer review
10 process.
- 11 (3) Reinstatement. A person whose license has lapsed, or who holds an
12 emeritus status license in good standing, or whose license has been revoked,
13 suspended, limited, conditioned or otherwise sanctioned by the board, may
14 apply for reinstatement of the license to active and unrestricted status.
15 A licensee's ability to apply for reinstatement may be subject to time con-
16 straints imposed by board rule or by the terms of a disciplinary order. An
17 applicant for reinstatement must:
- 18 (a) Pay a reinstatement fee in an amount not to exceed one hundred dol-
19 lars (\$100).
- 20 (b) Submit a completed reinstatement application and provide proof,
21 satisfactory to the board, of the applicant's competency to practice.
- 22 (c) Document compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in any
23 order of the board as a condition of reinstatement.