

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1004

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO THE BOARD OF NURSING; AMENDING SECTION 54-1403, IDAHO CODE, TO
2 REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
3 NURSING AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 54-1403, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 54-1403. BOARD OF NURSING. (1) Appointment, Removal and Term of Of-
9 fice. There is hereby created within the department of self-governing agen-
10 cies the board of nursing for the state of Idaho composed of nine (9) members
11 appointed by the governor. Membership of the board shall consist of the fol-
12 lowing:

13 (a) Five (5) persons licensed to practice registered nursing in Idaho,
14 of whom three (3) shall be educated at the associate degree level pro-
15 vided that one (1) of these may be a diploma nurse, and two (2) of whom
16 shall be educated at the baccalaureate, master's or doctoral level;

17 (b) Two (2) persons licensed to practice practical nursing in Idaho;

18 (c) One (1) person licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse;
19 and

20 (d) One (1) person who is a lay person to health care occupations.

21 In making appointments to the board, consideration shall be given to the
22 board's responsibility in areas of education and practice. Persons may be
23 reappointed to the board ~~so~~ as long as they meet the qualifications of the
24 position to which they were originally appointed. In the event that a member
25 has attained an additional degree of education, ~~they~~ that member may not be
26 reappointed to represent the board position designated for another specific
27 degree of education. Members of the board shall hold office until expiration
28 of the term to which the member was appointed and until his successor has been
29 duly appointed and qualified. Upon expiration of any term or creation of any
30 vacancy, the board shall notify the governor thereof, who then shall make
31 such appointment or fill such vacancy within sixty (60) days. Appointments
32 shall be for terms of four (4) years except appointments to vacancies which
33 shall be for the unexpired term being filled. No member shall be appointed
34 for more than three (3) consecutive terms. All board members shall serve at
35 the pleasure of the governor.

36 (2) Qualifications of Members. No person is qualified for appointment
37 hereunder unless that person is a citizen of the United States and a resident
38 of the state of Idaho. Members required to be licensed hereunder shall not be
39 qualified for appointment to the board unless actively engaged in some field
40 of nursing in Idaho at the time of appointment. No person is qualified for
41 appointment as the lay member of the board if the person or his spouse is li-
42 censed in any health occupation; is an employee, officer or agent of or has

1 any financial interest in any health care facility, institution, or associ-
2 ation or any insurance company authorized to underwrite health care insur-
3 ance; or is engaged in the governance and administration of any health care
4 facility, institution or association.

5 (3) Conduct of Business. The board shall meet at such times as required
6 to conduct the business of the board and shall annually elect from its mem-
7 bers a chairman, vice chairman and such other officers as may be desirable.
8 Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum and the vote of a majority of mem-
9 bers present at a meeting wherein a quorum is present shall determine the ac-
10 tion of the board. Each member of the board shall be compensated as provided
11 by section 59-509 (~~h~~i), Idaho Code.