

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1075

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NURSING CARE QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Yeas 46 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved April 12, 2005.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1075** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

Chief Clerk

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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Morrell, Campbell, Cody, Santos, Skinner, Green, Bailey, Schual-Berke and Chase)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the nursing care quality assurance commission;
2 and amending RCW 18.79.070.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.79.070 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 407 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The state nursing care quality assurance commission is
7 established, consisting of ~~((eleven))~~ fifteen members to be appointed
8 by the governor to four-year terms. The governor shall consider
9 nursing members who are recommended for appointment by the appropriate
10 professional associations in the state. No person may serve as a
11 member of the commission for more than two consecutive full terms.

12 (2) There must be ~~((three))~~ seven registered nurse members, two
13 advanced registered nurse practitioner members, three licensed
14 practical nurse members, ~~((two))~~ and three public members ~~((, and one~~
15 ~~nonvoting midwife member licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW,))~~ on the
16 commission. Each member of the commission must be a citizen of the
17 United States and a resident of this state.

18 (3)(a) Registered nurse members of the commission must:

1 ~~((a))~~ (i) Be licensed as registered nurses under this chapter;
2 and
3 ~~((b))~~ (ii) Have had at least ~~((five))~~ three years' experience in
4 the active practice of nursing and have been engaged in that practice
5 within two years of appointment.
6 (b) In addition:
7 (i) At least one member must be on the faculty at a four-year
8 university nursing program;
9 (ii) At least one member must be on the faculty at a two-year
10 community college nursing program;
11 (iii) At least two members must be staff nurses providing direct
12 patient care; and
13 (iv) At least one member must be a nurse manager or a nurse
14 executive.
15 (4) Advanced registered nurse practitioner members of the
16 commission must:
17 (a) Be licensed as advanced registered nurse practitioners under
18 this chapter; and
19 (b) Have had at least ~~((five))~~ three years' experience in the
20 active practice of advanced registered nursing and have been engaged in
21 that practice within two years of appointment.
22 (5) Licensed practical nurse members of the commission must:
23 (a) Be licensed as licensed practical nurses under this chapter;
24 and
25 (b) Have had at least ~~((five))~~ three years' actual experience as a
26 licensed practical nurse and have been engaged in practice as a
27 practical nurse within two years of appointment.
28 (6) Public members of the commission may not be a member of any
29 other health care licensing board or commission, or have a fiduciary
30 obligation to a facility rendering health services regulated by the
31 commission, or have a material or financial interest in the rendering
32 of health services regulated by the commission.
33 ~~((7) The nonvoting licensed midwife member of the commission must:~~
34 ~~(a) Be licensed as a midwife under chapter 18.50 RCW; and~~
35 ~~(b) Have had at least five years' actual experience as a licensed~~
36 ~~midwife and have been engaged in practice as a midwife within two years~~
37 ~~of appointment.))~~

1 In appointing the initial members of the commission, it is the
2 intent of the legislature that, to the extent possible, the governor
3 appoint the existing members of the board of nursing and the board of
4 practical nursing repealed under chapter 9, Laws of 1994 sp. sess. The
5 governor may appoint initial members of the commission to staggered
6 terms of from one to four years. Thereafter, all members shall be
7 appointed to full four-year terms. Members of the commission hold
8 office until their successors are appointed.

9 When the secretary appoints pro tem members, reasonable efforts
10 shall be made to ensure that at least one pro tem member is a
11 registered nurse who is currently practicing and, in addition to
12 meeting other minimum qualifications, has graduated from an associate
13 or baccalaureate nursing program within three years of appointment.

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