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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5599** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Kastama, Thibaudeau, Benson, Kline and McAuliffe)

READ FIRST TIME 03/02/05.

1 AN ACT Relating to funding a central resource center for the
2 nursing work force; amending RCW 43.70.110 and 43.70.250; adding a new
3 section to chapter 18.79 RCW; creating a new section; repealing section
4 1, chapter . . ., Laws of 2005 (section 1 of this act); and repealing
5 section 4, chapter . . ., Laws of 2005 (section 4 of this act).

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Washington state is experiencing a critical
8 shortage of registered nurses. To safeguard and promote patient safety
9 and quality of care, the legislature finds that a central resource
10 center for the nursing work force is critical and essential in
11 addressing the nursing shortage and ensuring that the public continue
12 to receive safe, quality care.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.70.110 and 1993 sp.s. c 24 s 918 are each amended
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) The secretary shall charge fees to the licensee for obtaining
16 a license. After June 30, 1995, municipal corporations providing
17 emergency medical care and transportation services pursuant to chapter
18 18.73 RCW shall be exempt from such fees, provided that such other

1 emergency services shall only be charged for their pro rata share of
2 the cost of licensure and inspection, if appropriate. The secretary
3 may waive the fees when, in the discretion of the secretary, the fees
4 would not be in the best interest of public health and safety, or when
5 the fees would be to the financial disadvantage of the state.

6 (2) Except as provided in section 4 of this act, until June 30,
7 2013, fees charged shall be based on, but shall not exceed, the cost to
8 the department for the licensure of the activity or class of activities
9 and may include costs of necessary inspection.

10 (3) Department of health advisory committees may review fees
11 established by the secretary for licenses and comment upon the
12 appropriateness of the level of such fees.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.70.250 and 1996 c 191 s 1 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 It shall be the policy of the state of Washington that the cost of
16 each professional, occupational, or business licensing program be fully
17 borne by the members of that profession, occupation, or business. The
18 secretary shall from time to time establish the amount of all
19 application fees, license fees, registration fees, examination fees,
20 permit fees, renewal fees, and any other fee associated with licensing
21 or regulation of professions, occupations, or businesses administered
22 by the department. In fixing said fees, the secretary shall set the
23 fees for each program at a sufficient level to defray the costs of
24 administering that program, except as provided in section 4 of this act
25 until June 30, 2013. All such fees shall be fixed by rule adopted by
26 the secretary in accordance with the provisions of the administrative
27 procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 18.79 RCW
29 to read as follows:

30 (1) In addition to the licensing fee for registered nurses and
31 licensed practical nurses licensed under this chapter, the department
32 shall impose an additional surcharge of five dollars per year on all
33 initial licenses and renewal licenses for registered nurses and
34 licensed practical nurses issued under this chapter. Advanced
35 registered nurse practitioners are only required to pay the surcharge
36 on their registered nurse licenses.

1 (2) The department, in consultation with the commission and the
2 work force training and education coordinating board, shall use the
3 proceeds from the surcharge imposed under subsection (1) of this
4 section to provide grants to a central nursing resource center. The
5 grants may be awarded only to a not-for-profit central nursing resource
6 center that is comprised of and led by nurses. The central nursing
7 resource center will demonstrate coordination with relevant nursing
8 constituents including professional nursing organizations, groups
9 representing nursing educators, staff nurses, nurse managers or
10 executives, and labor organizations representing nurses. The central
11 nursing resource center shall have as its mission to contribute to the
12 health and wellness of Washington state residents by ensuring that
13 there is an adequate nursing work force to meet the current and future
14 health care needs of the citizens of the state of Washington. The
15 grants may be used to fund the following activities of the central
16 nursing resource center:

17 (a) Maintain information on the current and projected supply and
18 demand of nurses through the collection and analysis of data regarding
19 the nursing work force, including but not limited to education level,
20 race and ethnicity, employment settings, nursing positions, reasons for
21 leaving the nursing profession, and those leaving Washington state to
22 practice elsewhere. This data collection and analysis must complement
23 other state activities to produce data on the nursing work force and
24 the central nursing resource center shall work collaboratively with
25 other entities in the data collection to ensure coordination and avoid
26 duplication of efforts;

27 (b) Monitor and validate trends in the applicant pool for programs
28 in nursing. The central nursing resource center must work with nursing
29 leaders to identify approaches to address issues arising related to the
30 trends identified, and collect information on other states' approaches
31 to addressing these issues;

32 (c) Facilitate partnerships between the nursing community and other
33 health care providers, licensing authority, business and industry,
34 consumers, legislators, and educators to achieve policy consensus,
35 promote diversity within the profession, and enhance nursing career
36 mobility and nursing leadership development;

37 (d) Evaluate the effectiveness of nursing education and

1 articulation among programs to increase access to nursing education and
2 enhance career mobility, especially for populations that are under
3 represented in the nursing profession;

4 (e) Provide consultation, technical assistance, data, and
5 information related to Washington state and national nursing resources;

6 (f) Promote strategies to enhance patient safety and quality
7 patient care including encouraging a safe and healthy workplace
8 environment for nurses; and

9 (g) Educate the public including students in K-12 about
10 opportunities and careers in nursing.

11 (3) The nursing resource center account is created in the custody
12 of the state treasurer. All receipts from the surcharge in subsection
13 (1) of this section must be deposited in the account. Expenditures
14 from the account may be used only for grants to an organization to
15 conduct the specific activities listed in subsection (2) of this
16 section and to compensate the department for the reasonable costs
17 associated with the collection and distribution of the surcharge and
18 the administration of the grant provided for in subsection (2) of this
19 section. No money from this account may be used by the recipient
20 towards administrative costs of the central nursing resource center not
21 associated with the specific activities listed in subsection (2) of
22 this section. No money from this account may be used by the recipient
23 toward lobbying. Only the secretary or the secretary's designee may
24 authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to
25 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is
26 not required for expenditures. Grants will be awarded on an annual
27 basis and funds will be distributed quarterly. The first distribution
28 after awarding the first grant shall be made no later than six months
29 after the effective date of this section. The central nursing resource
30 center shall report to the department on meeting the grant objectives
31 annually.

32 (4) The central nursing resource center shall submit a report of
33 all progress, collaboration with other organizations and government
34 entities, and activities conducted by the center to the relevant
35 committees of the legislature by November 30, 2011. The department
36 shall conduct a review of the program to collect funds to support the
37 activities of a nursing resource center and make recommendations on the

1 effectiveness of the program and whether it should continue. The
2 review shall be paid for with funds from the nursing resource center
3 account. The review must be completed by June 30, 2012.

4 (5) The department may adopt rules as necessary to implement this
5 act.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The following acts or parts of acts, as now
7 existing or hereafter amended, are each repealed, effective June 30,
8 2013:

9 (1) Section 1, chapter . . ., Laws of 2005 (section 1 of this act);
10 and

11 (2) Section 4, chapter . . ., Laws of 2005 (section 4 of this act).

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