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1 AN ACT Relating to nursing home administrators; and amending RCW
2 18.52.071.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.52.071 and 1996 c 271 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The department shall issue a license to any person applying for a
7 nursing home administrator's license who meets the following
8 requirements:

9 (1) Successful completion of the requirements for a baccalaureate
10 degree from a recognized institution of higher learning and any federal
11 requirements;

12 (2) Successful completion of a practical experience requirement as
13 determined by the board;

14 (3) Successful completion of examinations administered or approved
15 by the board, or both, which shall be designed to test the candidate's
16 competence to administer a nursing home, and shall include examination
17 on Washington state and federal nursing home laws and regulations and
18 other topics set by the board;

19 (4) At least twenty-one years of age; and

1 (5) Not having engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in RCW
2 18.130.180 or being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety
3 as defined in RCW 18.130.170. The board shall establish by rule what
4 constitutes adequate proof of meeting the above requirements.

5 A limited license indicating the limited extent of authority to
6 administer institutions conducted by and for those who rely upon
7 treatment by prayer or spiritual means in accordance with the creed or
8 tenets of any well-recognized church or religious denomination shall be
9 issued to individuals demonstrating membership in such church or
10 denomination. However, nothing in this chapter shall be construed to
11 require an applicant employed by such institution to demonstrate
12 proficiency in any medical techniques or to meet any medical
13 educational qualifications or medical standards not in accord with the
14 remedial care and treatment provided in such institutions.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If any provision of this act or its
16 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
17 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
18 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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