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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OR COMMENT PERIOD ON PROPOSED RULE
PUBLIC HEARING

AGENCY: WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES

RULE TYPE: LEGISLATIVE

RULE TITLE:

- SERIES I: POLICIES, REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACCREDITED PROGRAMS OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN WEST VIRGINIA
- SERIES II: CRITERIA FOR THE EVALUATION AND ACCREDITATION OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN WEST VIRGINIA
- SERIES III: REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION AND LICENSURE AS A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE
- SERIES IV: LEGAL STANDARDS OF NURSING PRACTICE FOR THE REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE IN WEST VIRGINIA

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ABOVE PROPOSED RULE(S) WILL BE HELD AT 9:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. ON JULY 9, 1985 AT SOUTH BRIEFING ROOM, SCIENCE AND CULTURE BUILDING, CAPITOL COMPLEX, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO: ORAL _____ WRITTEN _____ BOTH X

COMMENTS MAY ALSO BE MAILED TO: SUITE 309, EMBLETON BUILDING, 922 QUARRIER STREET, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25301

THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT PERSONS WISHING TO MAKE COMMENTS AT THE HEARING MAKE AN EFFORT TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE A REVIEW OF THESE COMMENTS.

THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE PROPOSED RULE.

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FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: Requirements for Registration and Licensure As A Registered Professional Nurse

Type of Rule: X Legislative Interpretive Procedural

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1. Effect of Proposed Rule	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	Increase	Decrease	Current	Next	Thereafter
Estimated Total Cost	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Personal Services	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Current Expense	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Repairs and Alterations	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Equipment	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

2. Explanation of above estimates.

The fees are all ready established by law. The contents of Series III has not been changed from existing Part III of filed rules except editorially and arranged to conform to required format.

3. Objectives of these rules:

1. To enable the Board to carry out its function of examining, licensing, and renewing the license of duly qualified applicants.

2. To inform candidates of the process of obtaining license to practice registered professional nursing in West Virginia.

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4. Explanation of Overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule.

A. Economic Impact on State Government.

None

B. Economic Impact on Political Subdivisions; Specific Industries;
Specific groups of citizens.

None

C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large.

None

Date May 28, 1985

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative

Garnette Horne, M.S.A., R.N.

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TITLE: Requirements for Registration and Licensure As A
Registered Professional Nurse in West Virginia

Section 1. General

1.1 Scope - These Legislative Rules establishes the Administrative Rules and Regulations for Registered Professional Nurses Education, Licensure and Practice in the State of West Virginia.

1.2 Authority - W.Va. Code 30-7-4 (a)(b)

1.3 Filing Date -

1.4 Effective Date - July 1, 1992

1.5 Repeal of Former Rule - These Legislative Rules repeals West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses rules filed December 17, 1982.

Section 2. Applications for Licensure Examination

2.1. Qualifications.

2.1.1 Preliminary Education of Applicant.

An applicant for a license to practice as a registered professional nurse in West Virginia must have completed an approved four-year high school course of study or the equivalent thereof, as determined by the appropriate educational agency.

2.1.2 Personal Qualifications of Applicant.

An applicant must be of good moral character.

2.1.3 Educational Qualifications of Applicant.

An applicant must have completed the basic curriculum in nursing, as approved by the West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses, in a school accredited by that Board or comparable Board in another jurisdiction. He/she must hold a diploma from that school and be recommended to the Board by the faculty of the school of nursing.

2.1.3.1 Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

All graduates of foreign nursing schools applying to

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take the state licensing examination for registered professional nursing shall submit evidence of certification by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools signifying a passing grade on the CGFNS examination as evidence of meeting similar qualifications of graduates of nursing programs in West Virginia for the purpose of qualifying for admission to the State licensing examination.

2.1.3.2 Veterans.

2.1.3.2.1 Qualifications.

The veteran shall:

(a) Have served in the medical corps of one of the armed forces of the United States;

(b) Have qualified for and obtained the rating as a medical specialist advanced, medical service, technician or advanced hospital corpsman technician; or other equivalent rating; and

(c) Have been honorably discharged from the service.

2.1.3.2.2 Application.

The veteran shall submit to the Board the following:

(a) A photostatic copy of the certificate certifying successful completion of course(s) of instruction;

(b) A photostatic copy of his/her discharge from the armed forces; and

(c) An application for a license and the prescribed licensed fee;

(d) Refer to Chapter 30, Article 24, Section 2.

2.2 Filing of Application.

2.2.1 Forms for Application.

The secretary of the West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses will supply form and instructions for making application for the licensing examination in advance of graduation to the director of schools of nursing, or by individual request.

2.2.2 Procedure for filing.

2.2.2.1 The application form shall be completed, notarized, and returned to the Board no later than 45 days in advance of the examination with the following:

(a) One (1) passport type picture signed by applicant and by the director of the school fastened to the application in the space provided;

(b) A certified or cashier's check, or money order for the examination fee; and,

(c) A duplicate picture similarly signed which will be returned with the admission card.

2.2.2.2 Responsibility of the School.

2.2.2.2.1 A transcript of the students record must be submitted to the office of the Board at least 30 days prior to the examination date.

2.2.2.2.2 The applicant will not be admitted to the examination until the transcript is received in the Board office.

Section 3. Examination Dates. Admission to Examination

3.1 Examinations will be held each year at times specified by the West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses.

3.2 Notice of the time and place the licensing examination will be administered will be mailed to directors of schools of nursing in West Virginia at least ninety (90) days prior to the dates set.

3.3 An admission card with the attached photograph will be sent to each candidate prior to the date of the examination. The candidate must present this card to the person admitting the candidate to the examination room.

Section 4. Examination Scores

4.1 Passing Score.

The Board shall determine the passing score on the licensure examination.

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4.2 Reporting Scores.

4.2.1 Passing Score.

Each nurse whose scores meet requirements set by the Board will receive an official report together with his/her certificate and license to practice as a registered professional nurse in West Virginia for the current year.

4.2.2 Failing Score.

Each nurse whose scores do not meet the requirement set by the Board will receive an official report and a request to return the temporary permit.

Section 5. Re-Examination

A person failing the examination may repeat the examination upon application and submission of fees.

Section 6. Temporary Permit

6.1 A temporary permit to practice registered professional nursing shall be issued to candidates taking the licensure examination in West Virginia.

6.2 The candidate's completed application with an official transcript giving the diploma/degree and the date graduated shall be processed before the temporary permit is issued.

6.3 The temporary permit is not renewable and is not valid after the date the Board has announced the results of the first written examination given by the Board following the issuance of such permit.

6.4 The temporary permit shall only be issued to candidates applying to take the examination who have received a diploma from a school of nursing after the date the Board last scheduled a written examination.

Section 7. Licensure by Endorsement

7.1 Endorsement In.

7.1.1 Registered professional nurses wanting to endorse into the state must meet the qualifications required of registered professional nurses in West Virginia at the time of graduation.

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7.1.2 The applicant shall submit an application along with the fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00).

7.1.3 The applicant shall send forms provided by the Board to the state of original licensure. The forms are to be completed by the state of original licensure Board and returned to the West Virginia Board.

7.1.4 Graduates of foreign nursing schools are endorsed in by taking the State Board licensure examination.

7.2 Endorsement Out.

7.2.1 A nurse wishing to be licensed in another state will be furnished a certified statement of West Virginia licensure upon request to the Board and payment of a thirty dollar fee.

7.2.2 If he/she is a graduate of a school which has closed and his/her records are on file in the Board office, an additional five dollar (\$5.00) fee will be charged for photostating.

Section 8. Renewal of License

8.1 Annual Renewal of License.

Annual renewal of license is required of all nurses who practice in West Virginia. Such renewal shall be accomplished by filing an application together with the fee, prior to December 31, each year.

8.2 Non-renewal of License.

A nurse who does not renew his/her license prior to December 31, of each year shall be considered delinquent. To be reinstated he/she must pay an additional fee.

8.3 Non-practicing Status.

8.3.1 If not practicing, the nurse may request his/her name be entered on the non-practicing list by the secretary of the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Nurses by completing the renewal application furnished by the Board and indicating his/her desire to be placed on non-practicing status.

8.3.2 The nurse's records will then be in good standing and at any time he/she may upon application and payment of current fee receive active license to practice registered professional nursing in West Virginia.

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8.3.3 No fee is required for non-practicing status and no license is issued.

Section 9. Replacement of Lost Certificate

9.1 Certificate of licensure (registration).

To replace a lost or destroyed certificate of licensure the nurse shall send an affidavit certifying to its loss or destruction and a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) to the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses.

9.2 Certificate of Annual Re-Registration (License)

To replace a lost or destroyed certificate of annual re-registration the nurse shall send a notarized statement explaining the loss, and a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) to the Board.

Section 10. Licensure of Nurse-Midwives

Refer to the West Virginia Code Chapter 30, Article 15, Section 4.