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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Campbell, Morrell, Hankins, Cody, Clibborn, Edwards, Armstrong, Ormsby, Conway, Dickerson and Moeller)

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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. No person may serve as a member of
9 the commission for more than two consecutive full terms.

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

16 (3)(a) Registered nurse members of the commission must:
17 ~~((a))~~ (i) Be licensed as registered nurses under this chapter;
18 and

1 ~~((b))~~ (ii) Unless otherwise provided in this subsection, have had
2 at least ~~((five))~~ three years' experience in the active practice of
3 nursing and have been engaged in that practice within two years of
4 appointment.

5 (b) In addition:

6 (i) At least one member must be on the faculty at a four-year
7 university nursing program;

8 (ii) At least one member must be on the faculty at a two-year
9 community college or technical college nursing program;

10 (iii) At least two members must be staff nurses providing direct
11 patient care;

12 (iv) At least one member must be a nurse executive or nurse
13 manager; and

14 (v) One member must have graduated from a nursing program within
15 three years of appointment and have less than three years of experience
16 as a registered nurse at the time of appointment. This member shall be
17 limited to one term, but may be appointed for a second term if there is
18 a position available and the member meets any criteria required for
19 that position.

20 (4) Advanced registered nurse practitioner members of the
21 commission must:

22 (a) Be licensed as advanced registered nurse practitioners under
23 this chapter; and

24 (b) Have had at least ~~((five))~~ three years' experience in the
25 active practice of advanced registered nursing and have been engaged in
26 that practice within two years of appointment.

27 (5) Licensed practical nurse members of the commission must:

28 (a) Be licensed as licensed practical nurses under this chapter;
29 and

30 (b) Have had at least ~~((five))~~ three years' actual experience as a
31 licensed practical nurse and have been engaged in practice as a
32 practical nurse within two years of appointment.

33 (6) Public members of the commission may not be a member of any
34 other health care licensing board or commission, or have a fiduciary
35 obligation to a facility rendering health services regulated by the
36 commission, or have a material or financial interest in the rendering
37 of health services regulated by the commission.

38 ~~((7) The nonvoting licensed midwife member of the commission must:~~

1 ~~(a) Be licensed as a midwife under chapter 18.50 RCW; and~~

2 ~~(b) Have had at least five years' actual experience as a licensed~~
3 ~~midwife and have been engaged in practice as a midwife within two years~~
4 ~~of appointment.)~~)

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

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