
HOUSE BILL 2145

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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 members to be appointed by the
8 governor to four-year terms. No person may serve as a member of the
9 commission for more than two consecutive full terms.

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

16 (3) Registered nurse members of the commission must:

17 (a) Be licensed as registered nurses under this chapter; (~~and~~)

18 (b) Have had at least five years' experience in the active practice

1 of nursing and have been engaged in that practice within two years of
2 appointment; and

3 (c) Have at least one member be on the faculty at a four-year
4 nursing program.

5 (4) Advanced registered nurse practitioner members of the
6 commission must:

7 (a) Be licensed as advanced registered nurse practitioners under
8 this chapter; and

9 (b) Have had at least five years' experience in the active practice
10 of advanced registered nursing and have been engaged in that practice
11 within two years of appointment.

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

13 (a) Be licensed as licensed practical nurses under this chapter;
14 (~~and~~)

15 (b) Have had at least five years' actual experience as a licensed
16 practical nurse and have been engaged in practice as a practical nurse
17 within two years of appointment; and

18 (c) Have at least one member be on the faculty at a two-year
19 nursing program.

20 (6) Public members of the commission may not be a member of any
21 other health care licensing board or commission, or have a fiduciary
22 obligation to a facility rendering health services regulated by the
23 commission, or have a material or financial interest in the rendering
24 of health services regulated by the commission.

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

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

27 (b) Have had at least five years' actual experience as a licensed
28 midwife and have been engaged in practice as a midwife within two years
29 of appointment.

30 In appointing the initial members of the commission, it is the
31 intent of the legislature that, to the extent possible, the governor
32 appoint the existing members of the board of nursing and the board of
33 practical nursing repealed under chapter 9, Laws of 1994 sp. sess. The
34 governor may appoint initial members of the commission to staggered
35 terms of from one to four years. Thereafter, all members shall be
36 appointed to full four-year terms. Members of the commission hold

1 office until their successors are appointed.

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