
SENATE BILL 6567

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By Senators Deccio, Franklin, Winsley and Prentice

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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) Have had at least ~~((five))~~ three years' experience in
2 the active practice of nursing and have been engaged in that practice
3 within two years of appointment.

4 (b) In addition:

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

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

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

11 (iv) At least one member must be a nurse executive or nurse
12 manager.

13 (4) Advanced registered nurse practitioner members of the
14 commission must:

15 (a) Be licensed as advanced registered nurse practitioners under
16 this chapter; and

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

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

21 (a) Be licensed as licensed practical nurses under this chapter;
22 and

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

26 (6) Public members of the commission may not be a member of any
27 other health care licensing board or commission, or have a fiduciary
28 obligation to a facility rendering health services regulated by the
29 commission, or have a material or financial interest in the rendering
30 of health services regulated by the commission.

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

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

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

36 In appointing the initial members of the commission, it is the
37 intent of the legislature that, to the extent possible, the governor
38 appoint the existing members of the board of nursing and the board of

1 practical nursing repealed under chapter 9, Laws of 1994 sp. sess. The
2 governor may appoint initial members of the commission to staggered
3 terms of from one to four years. Thereafter, all members shall be
4 appointed to full four-year terms. Members of the commission hold
5 office until their successors are appointed.

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