
SENATE BILL 6538

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By Senators Wilson, L., Becker, Braun, Takko, and Warnick

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1 AN ACT Relating to the collection of survey data pursuant to
2 nurse licensure; and amending RCW 18.79.160.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.79.160 and 2004 c 262 s 6 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) An applicant for a license to practice as a registered nurse
7 shall submit to the commission:

8 (a) An attested written application on a department form;

9 (b) An official transcript demonstrating graduation and
10 successful completion of an approved program of nursing; and

11 (c) Any other official records specified by the commission.

12 (2) An applicant for a license to practice as an advanced
13 registered nurse practitioner shall submit to the commission:

14 (a) An attested written application on a department form;

15 (b) An official transcript demonstrating graduation and
16 successful completion of an advanced registered nurse practitioner
17 program meeting criteria established by the commission; and

18 (c) Any other official records specified by the commission.

19 (3) An applicant for a license to practice as a licensed
20 practical nurse shall submit to the commission:

21 (a) An attested written application on a department form;

1 (b) Written official evidence that the applicant is over the age
2 of eighteen;

3 (c) An official transcript demonstrating graduation and
4 successful completion of an approved practical nursing program, or
5 its equivalent; and

6 (d) Any other official records specified by the commission.

7 (4) At the time of submission of the application, the applicant
8 for a license to practice as a registered nurse, advanced registered
9 nurse practitioner, or licensed practical nurse must not be in
10 violation of chapter 18.130 RCW or this chapter.

11 (5) The commission shall establish by rule the criteria for
12 evaluating the education of all applicants.

13 (6) The commission shall not condition licensure or license
14 renewal on the submission of demographic or other survey data not
15 directly connected to the practice of nursing.

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