

SHB 1547 - H AMD 220

By Representative Riccelli

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.79
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) A registered nurse, advanced registered nurse practitioner,
6 or licensed practical nurse may practice in the state for up to 30
7 days before obtaining an expedited temporary practice permit under
8 section 2 of this act or a temporary practice permit under RCW
9 18.130.075 if:

10 (a) The person is licensed and in good standing in the state of
11 Alaska, California, Idaho, or Oregon;

12 (b) The person has accepted an employment offer requiring the
13 person to be licensed in Washington as a registered nurse, advanced
14 registered nurse practitioner, or licensed practical nurse; and

15 (c) The person's employer requests authorization for the person
16 to begin practicing in this state by submitting a form to the
17 commission that includes the person's name, license number, and date
18 of birth, and the commission certifies that the person is licensed
19 and in good standing in the state of Alaska, California, Idaho, or
20 Oregon. The commission must inform the employer of the decision and
21 the authorization within two business days.

22 (2)(a) A person qualified to practice under this section may only
23 practice in this state to the extent authorized by this chapter as if
24 the person were licensed in this state.

25 (b) The commission may modify or restrict the services that a
26 person qualified to practice under this section may provide.

27 (c) An employer of a person qualified to practice under this
28 section may restrict the services that the person may provide.

29 (3) The right to practice in this state pursuant to this section
30 shall be subject to discipline by order of the commission upon a
31 finding by the commission of an act of unprofessional conduct as
32 defined in RCW 18.130.180 or that the individual is unable to
33 practice with reasonable skill or safety due to a mental or physical

1 condition as described in RCW 18.130.170. A person qualified to
2 practice under this section shall have the same rights of notice,
3 hearing, and judicial review as provided generally under this chapter
4 and chapter 18.130 RCW.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.79
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The commission shall issue an expedited temporary practice
8 permit to practice as a registered nurse, advanced registered nurse
9 practitioner, or licensed practical nurse to a person who:

10 (a) Holds a current license to practice as a registered nurse,
11 advanced registered nurse practitioner, or licensed practical nurse
12 issued by a professional licensing board in the state of Alaska,
13 California, Idaho, or Oregon;

14 (b) Provides to the commission, in a manner determined by the
15 commission, sufficient proof that the person is in good standing with
16 the issuing out-of-state professional licensing board;

17 (c) Submits information required for the national background
18 check fingerprint process, if applicable; and

19 (d) Meets all other requirements and qualifications for a
20 temporary practice permit in accordance with RCW 18.130.075.

21 (2) An expedited temporary practice permit issued under this
22 section permits a person to practice as a registered nurse, advanced
23 registered nurse practitioner, or licensed practical nurse in
24 Washington, pending the results of the fingerprint-based national
25 background check, to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the
26 commission, and is valid until the earliest of the following:

27 (a) The date the person is granted a full license to practice as
28 a registered nurse, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or
29 licensed practical nurse in Washington; or

30 (b) The date the expedited temporary practice permit expires.

31 (3) An expedited temporary practice permit issued under this
32 section is not renewable.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
34 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
35 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
36 effect July 1, 2023."

37 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Replaces the term "expedited temporary license" with "expedited temporary practice permit."

Permits a registered nurse, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or licensed practical nurse to practice in Washington for up to 30 days before obtaining an expedited temporary practice permit or temporary practice permit if: (a) The person is licensed and in good standing in Alaska, California, Idaho, or Oregon; (b) the person has accepted an employment offer requiring the person to be licensed in Washington; and (c) the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission authorizes the person to begin practicing.

Establishes that a person practicing during the 30-day period before obtaining an expedited temporary practice permit or temporary practice permit may only practice subject to certain limitations and to the extent that would be authorized if the person were licensed in Washington.

Establishes that certain provisions of the Uniform Disciplinary Act apply to a person practicing in Washington during the 30-day period before obtaining an expedited temporary practice permit or temporary practice permit.

Adds Alaska to the list of states where a person may be licensed as a registered nurse, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or licensed practical nurse in order to be issued an expedited temporary practice permit.

Establishes that a person must meet all requirements for a temporary practice permit in order to be issued an expedited temporary practice permit.

Changes the expiration of an expedited temporary practice permit to the earliest of the following: (a) The date the person is granted a full license to practice in Washington; or (b) the date the expedited temporary practice permit expires.

Establishes an effective date of July 1, 2023.

Makes technical language changes.

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