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SENATE BILL 11-242

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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Senate Committees
Health and Human Services

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING RETIRED VOLUNTEER NURSE LICENSURE.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill changes the age at which a nurse may receive a retired volunteer nurse license from 65 to 55. The bill requires the state board of nursing to deny an application for the reactivation of a practical or professional nurse license for any retired volunteer nurse who has not actively volunteered as a nurse for the 2-year period preceding the application for reactivation or has not otherwise demonstrated competency to return to active practice.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** The introductory portion to 12-38-112.5 (2) and
3 12-38-112.5 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said
4 12-38-112.5 is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW
5 SUBSECTION, to read:

6 **12-38-112.5. Retired volunteer nurse licensure.** (2) A retired
7 volunteer nursing license shall only be issued to an applicant who is at
8 least ~~sixty-five~~ FIFTY-FIVE years of age and:

9 (5) ~~If, at the time the application is made for a retired volunteer~~
10 ~~nursing license, the applicant is not in compliance with the continuing~~
11 ~~education requirements established by the board, the applicant shall be~~
12 ~~issued a nonrenewable temporary license to practice for six months if the~~
13 ~~applicant is otherwise qualified for the license.~~

14 (9) THE BOARD SHALL DENY AN APPLICATION FOR THE
15 REACTIVATION OF A PRACTICAL OR PROFESSIONAL NURSE LICENSE FOR A
16 RETIRED VOLUNTEER NURSE ____ IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT THE
17 NURSE REQUESTING REACTIVATION HAS NOT ACTIVELY VOLUNTEERED AS
18 A NURSE FOR THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE FILING
19 OF THE APPLICATION FOR LICENSE REACTIVATION OR HAS NOT OTHERWISE
20 DEMONSTRATED CONTINUED COMPETENCY TO RETURN TO THE ACTIVE
21 PRACTICE OF NURSING IN A MANNER APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

22 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.