

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 142 amends the current licensure for nurses statute by inserting language that specifies the duration in which the Board of Nursing must now issue a license to an out-of-state applicant who is licensed in another state or jurisdiction and have met board qualifications required to be a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, certified nurse practitioner, certified registered nurse anesthetist or clinical nurse specialist in New Mexico. Amending each specific licensure subsection that discusses the qualifications required for out-of-state applicants to possess in order for the Board of Nursing to issue a license the bill inserts language that reads: Upon receipt of a completed application with the required fees, the board shall expedite the issuance of a license pursuant to this subsection within five business days.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No Fiscal Impact

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Board of Nursing writes:

The process of evaluating a practitioner applying for any type of license involves many factors that are considered and implemented during the review of all license applications. Current licensing requirements include a thorough, specific review of academic credentials, national certification for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, past performance and licensure, previous disciplinary action, and standard criminal background investigation. By enacting HB 142, the New Mexico Board of Nursing would continue to ensure the safety of the citizens of New Mexico that past performance and licensure, previous disciplinary action, and standard criminal background investigation for licensure has been conducted. Additionally, New Mexico citizens could be assured of the standardization of quality required to achieve licensure in New Mexico has been achieved.

AMENDMENTS

1. On Page 2, Line 5, HB-142 states, “an application with the required fees”. This should read “a completed application with the required fees” to make it consistent with the language in all the other sections.

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