NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON ADMINISTRATION OF NURSE AIDE COMPETENCY EVALUATIONS IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF NURSING

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Board of Nursing proposes to change a regulation on administration of nurse aide competency evaluations.

The Board of Nursing (Board) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with updating the Nurse Aide Competency evaluation, including the following:

(1) <u>12 AAC 44.850</u> is proposed to be amended to remove certain experience restrictions for a proctor of the competency examination and to require that the nurse aid competency evaluation be administered and evaluated by a nationally recognized credentialling service approved by the board.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Alison Osborne, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806. Additionally, the Board will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-2974 and by electronic mail at <u>RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov</u>. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system using the comment link. **The comments must be received not later than 4:30 p.m. on November 30, 2024.**

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Alison Osborne, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806 or by e-mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Board will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and on the Board's website at https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofNursing.aspx.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Alison Osborne at (907) 465-6826 or <u>RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov</u> not later than November 22, 2024 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Alison Osborne at (907) 465-6826, <u>RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov</u>, or at <u>https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/NUR-0624.pdf</u>.

After the public comment period ends, the Board will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. **You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.**

Statutory Authority: AS 08.68.100; AS 08.68.331

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 08.68.100; AS 08.68.331

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

For each occupation regulated under the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, the Division keeps a list of individuals or organizations who are interested in its regulations. Those on the list will automatically be sent a copy of all of the Division notices of proposed regulations changes for the chosen occupation. To be added to or removed from the list, end a request to the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing at P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806, giving your name, either your e-mail address or mailing address, as you prefer for receiving notices, and the occupation regulations in which you are interested.

Individuals can also signup to receive automated notifications of all State of Alaska notices, including public notice for regulation changes, by subscribing to the Alaska Online Public Notices System: https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Default.aspx.

DATE: _____10/30/204

/s/ Alison Osborne, Regulations Specialist Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

ADDITIONAL REGULATION NOTICE INFORMATION (AS 44.62.190(d))

- 1. Adopting agency: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing Board of Nursing.
- 2. General subject of regulation: Update Nurse Aide Competency evaluation requirements.
- **3.** Citation of regulation: 12 AAC 44.850.
- 4. Department of Law file number: 2024102222
- 5. Reason for the proposed action: Update and clarify current regulations; compliance with state statute; compliance with federal law.
- 6. Appropriation/Allocation: Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing #2360.
- 7. Estimated annual cost to comply with the proposed action to: A private person: None known. Another state agency: None known. A municipality: None known.
- 8. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars): No costs are expected in FY 2025 or in subsequent years.
- 9. The name of the contact person for the regulation: Patty Wolf, Executive Administrator Board of Nursing Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development E-mail: <u>patty.wolf@alaska.gov</u>
- **10.** The origin of the proposed action: Staff of state agency.

 11. Date:
 10/30/2024
 Prepared by:
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Alison Osborne Regulations Specialist