

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2670  
(Reference to printed bill)

1 Page 1, line 5, strike "; documentation"

2 Line 7, after "COMPLETE" insert "A MINIMUM OF"

3 Line 8, after "EDUCATION" insert "OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD"

4 Line 10, after "COMPLETE" insert "A MINIMUM OF"

5 Line 11, after "EDUCATION" insert "OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD"

6 Line 26, after "WHO" strike remainder of line; line 27, strike "ADEQUATE CAUSE  
7 OR WHO"

8 Strike lines 30, 31 and 32, insert:

9 "Sec. 2. Section 32-1642, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
10 read:

11 32-1642. Renewal of license; failure to renew

12 A. Except as provided in section 32-4301, a registered and practical  
13 nurse licensee shall renew the license every four years on or before April  
14 1. If a licensee does not renew the license on or before May 1, the licensee  
15 shall pay an additional fee for late renewal as prescribed in section  
16 32-1643. If a licensee does not renew the license on or before August 1, the  
17 license expires. It is a violation of this chapter for a person to practice  
18 nursing with an expired license.

19 B. An applicant for renewal of a registered or practical nursing  
20 license shall submit a verified statement that indicates whether the  
21 applicant has been convicted of a felony and, if convicted of one or more  
22 felonies, indicates the date of absolute discharge from the sentences for all  
23 felony convictions. THE APPLICANT SHALL ALSO SUBMIT PROOF OF HAVING  
24 COMPLETED CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-1641,  
25 SUBSECTION A AND BOARD RULE.

26 C. On receipt of the application and fee, the board shall verify the  
27 accuracy of the application and issue to the applicant an active renewal  
28 license, which shall be effective for the following four calendar years. The  
29 renewal license shall render the holder a legal practitioner of nursing, as  
30 specified in the license, during the period stated on the certificate of  
31 renewal. A licensee who fails to secure a renewal license within the time  
32 specified may secure a renewal license by making verified application as the

1 board prescribes by furnishing proof of being qualified and competent to act  
2 as a registered or practical nurse, and additional information and material  
3 as required by the board, and by payment of the prescribed fee.

4 D. Except as provided in section 32-4301, a nursing assistant shall  
5 renew the certification every two years on the last day of the birth month of  
6 the nursing assistant. An applicant for renewal shall submit a verified  
7 statement that indicates whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony  
8 and, if convicted of one or more felonies, indicates the date of absolute  
9 discharge from the sentences for all felony convictions. On receipt of the  
10 application and fee, the board shall recertify qualified applicants. **THE**  
11 **APPLICANT SHALL ALSO SUBMIT PROOF OF HAVING COMPLETED THE CONTINUING**  
12 **EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-1641, SUBSECTION B AND BOARD**  
13 **RULE.**

14 E. On written request to the board, the name and license of a licensee  
15 in good standing may be transferred to an inactive list. The licensee shall  
16 not practice during the time the license is inactive, and renewal fees do not  
17 accrue. If an inactive licensee wishes to resume the practice of nursing,  
18 the board shall renew the license on satisfactory showing that the licensee  
19 is then qualified and competent to practice and on payment of the current  
20 renewal fee. The licensee shall also file with the board a verified  
21 statement that indicates whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony  
22 and, if convicted of one or more felonies, that indicates the date of  
23 absolute discharge from the sentences for all felony convictions.

24 Sec. 3. Board of nursing; continuing education requirements;  
25 advisory committee; delayed repeal

26 A. The state board of nursing shall appoint an advisory committee to  
27 make recommendations to the board regarding continuing education, including  
28 additional hours and the carrying over of hours.

29 B. The board shall submit a written report of the advisory committee's  
30 findings and recommendations to the governor, the president of the senate and  
31 the speaker of the house of representatives on or before July 1, 2011.

32 C. As a result of the committee's recommendation pursuant to this  
33 section, the board shall prescribe changes to the continuing education  
34 requirements for registered or practical nurses or certified nursing  
35 assistants.

1           D. Any changes the board makes to the continuing education  
2 requirements may not result in a net decrease in the total number of  
3 continuing education hours required for any person licensed by the board.

4           E. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2011.

5           Sec. 4. Exemption from rule making

6           For the purposes of this act, the state board of nursing is exempt from  
7 the rule making requirements of title 41, chapter 6, Arizona Revised  
8 Statutes, for one year after the effective date of this act.

9           Sec. 5. Appropriation; state board of nursing; exemption

10          A. The sum of \$152,891 and two FTE positions are appropriated from the  
11 board of nursing fund established by section 32-1611, Arizona Revised  
12 Statutes in fiscal year 2010-2011 to the state board of nursing for the  
13 purposes of this act.

14          B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt  
15 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to  
16 lapsing of appropriations."

17 Amend title to conform

and, as so amended, it do pass

NANCY K. BARTO  
Chairman

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