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Senate Bill 66

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to nursing licenses; creating new provisions; amending ORS 678.040; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 678.040 is amended to read:

678.040. *[Each]* **An** applicant for a license under ORS 678.010 to 678.448 shall *[furnish]* **provide to the Oregon State Board of Nursing** satisfactory evidence that the applicant’s physical and mental health is such that it is safe for the applicant to practice, and that:

(1) The applicant has graduated:

(a) From a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse nursing education program accredited by the Oregon State Board of Nursing;

[(2)] (b) *[The applicant has graduated]* From a nursing program in the United States *[which program]* **that:**

(A) Is *[either]* accredited by the licensing board for nurses in a particular state or United States territory[,] **and approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing;** or[,]

(B) If the licensing board is not the accrediting agency in that state or United States territory, *[the program]* is accredited by the appropriate accrediting agency for that state or United States territory **and approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing;** *[or]*

[(3)] (c) *[The applicant has graduated]* In another country and has an education equivalent to that provided by accredited programs in this country; **or**

(d) **From a military training program that the board specifies by rule to be qualified as a nursing education program for a licensed practical nurse; or**

(2) **If the applicant is an applicant for licensure by indorsement, the applicant has been licensed as a licensed practical nurse in another state or territory of the United States based upon recognition of the applicant’s military education.**

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 678.040 by section 1 of this 2019 Act apply to applications for licensure received by the Oregon State Board of Nursing on and after the operative date specified in section 3 of this 2019 Act.

SECTION 3. (1) The amendments to ORS 678.040 by section 1 of this 2019 Act become operative on January 1, 2020.

(2) The Oregon State Board of Nursing may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties,

functions and powers conferred on the board by the amendments to ORS 678.040 by section 1 of this 2019 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.

Passed by Senate February 19, 2019

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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