Senate Bill 66

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor’s brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Authorizes Oregon State Board of Nursing to recognize military education or training programs as sufficient to meet requirements for licensure as licensed practical nurse.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR 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:

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

(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) [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.


NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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(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.