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SYNOPSIS

Establishes reciprocity requirements for out-of-State certified nurse aides to practice in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on September 27, 2018.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/18/2018)

1 AN ACT concerning certified nurse aides ²[and personal care
2 assistants]² and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. An individual certified as a nurse aide ²[or personal care
8 assistant]² by another state or territory of the United States may
9 apply to have that certification entered on the registry established
10 and maintained by the Department of Health pursuant to section 3
11 of P.L.1997, c.100 (C.26:2H-84), provided that:

12 a. the Department of Health receives documentation from the
13 other state or territory that the applicant holds a current, valid
14 certification as a nurse aide ²[or personal care assistant]² in the
15 state or territory;

16 b. the applicant has not been convicted of any crimes and has
17 no documented findings of abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of
18 resident property in the other state or territory;

19 c. the applicant complies with the criminal history record
20 background check requirements set forth under P.L.1997, c.100
21 (C.26:2H-83 et al.); and

22 d. (1) ¹[the applicant has completed a training and competency
23 evaluation program at least equal to that required in New Jersey]
24 the applicant ²[, based upon the type of certification requested to be
25 entered on the registry,]² has completed within the preceding 24
26 months the amount of continuing education hours required by
27 regulation¹ ²for a nurse aide²; or

28 (2) the applicant has the equivalent of at least ¹[five] two¹ years
29 of full time employment in the other state or territory as a nurse
30 aide ²[or personal care assistant, as appropriate,]² and the most
31 recent date of such employment is within the 24 month period
32 immediately preceding the date of the application. The Department
33 of Health ²[may] shall² require an individual applying for a
34 certification to be entered on the registry on the basis of work
35 experience pursuant to this paragraph to complete ¹[an] ²[a] the²
36 clinical skills¹ ²[equivalency] competency² examination ²and the
37 written and oral competency examination, required by the
38 Department pursuant to regulation,² to verify the individual meets
39 New Jersey's training and competency requirements.

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41 2. The Commissioner of Health, pursuant to the
42 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SHH committee amendments adopted September 24, 2018.

²Senate floor amendments adopted September 27, 2018.

1 seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the
2 provisions of this act.

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4 3. This act shall take effect immediately.