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SYNOPSIS

Modifies certain experience requirements and costs for issuance of certain credentials by New Jersey Board of Nursing; appropriates \$250,000.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the requirements for the issuance of certain
2 credentials issued by the New Jersey Board of Nursing,
3 supplementing P.L.1947, c.262 (C.45:11-23 et seq.), and making
4 an appropriation.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. a. An individual who (1) had a previous license in New
10 Jersey to be a registered professional nurse or licensed practical
11 nurse; (2) had the license, for at least six years, in inactive status or
12 administratively suspended; and (3) seeks to reactivate or reinstate
13 the license shall pay a fee that is 50 percent of the fee for licensure
14 renewal and submit proof demonstrating the successful completion
15 of a refresher course consisting of a maximum of 15 hours total
16 acquired through didactic and clinical education conducted by a
17 qualified instructor.

18 b. An individual who (1) had a previous certification in New
19 Jersey to be an advanced practice nurse; (2) had the certification,
20 for at least six years, in inactive status or administratively
21 suspended; and (3) seeks to reactivate or reinstate the certification
22 shall pay a fee that is 50 percent of the fee paid in the first year of a
23 biennial renewal period.

24 c. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the board from
25 requiring an individual applying under this section to demonstrate
26 that the individual meets other requirements in order to obtain the
27 credential sought by the individual.

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29 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the board the
30 sum of \$250,000 to offset the reduction in application fees collected
31 by the board from individuals applying for a credential pursuant to
32 section 1 of this act.

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34 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
35 next after enactment and shall apply to individuals applying under
36 this act on or after that date.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill establishes the process by which certain individuals can
42 reinstate or reactivate credentials issued by the New Jersey Board of
43 Nursing. Under the bill, an individual who had a previous license
44 in New Jersey to be a registered professional nurse or licensed
45 practical nurse that, for at least the last six years, was
46 administratively suspended or in inactive status is required, in order
47 to reinstate or reactivate the license, to 1) pay a fee that is 50
48 percent of the fee for licensure renewal for registered professional

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1 nurses and licensed practical nurses; and 2) submit proof
2 demonstrating the successful completion of a refresher course
3 consisting of a maximum of 15 hours total acquired through
4 didactic and clinical education conducted by a qualified instructor.
5 An individual with a previous certification to be an advanced
6 practice nurse that, for at least the last six years, was
7 administratively suspended or in inactive status is to pay, to
8 reinstate or reactivate the certification, an application fee that is 50
9 percent of the fee paid by advanced practice nurses in the first year
10 of a biennial renewal period. The bill also stipulates that the board
11 is not prohibited from requiring an individual seeking reactivation
12 or reinstatement of a credential pursuant to the bill to demonstrate
13 other requirements have been met in order to obtain the credential.
14 Lastly, the bill appropriates from the General Fund to the board
15 \$250,000 to offset the reduction in the application fees collected by
16 the board from the individuals applying under the provisions of the
17 bill.