

CHAPTER 368
FORMERLY
HOUSE BILL NO. 335

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE BOARD OF NURSING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend § 1903(a), Title 24 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 1903 Delaware Board of Nursing — Appointments; qualifications; terms of office; vacancies; suspension or removal.

(a) The Delaware Board of Nursing (hereafter referred to as the Board) shall consist of 15 members. The term of office of every member appointed to the Board, except those appointed to fill vacancies occurring during any term of office, is 3 years. The Board shall be composed of 5 registered nurses, ~~3 licensed practical nurses~~ 1 licensed practical nurse, 1 nurse at-large which shall be either a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse, 1 advanced practice nurse ~~2 advanced practice nurses representing different practice roles~~, 1 registered nurse educator, and 5 public members.

Registered nurse appointees shall have a diploma or an earned degree in nursing, nursing education or education, and at least 3 years active practice as a registered nurse in nursing service, administration or teaching.

~~Practical nurse appointees shall be licensed practical nurses, who are graduates~~ Each practical nurse appointee shall be a licensed practical nurse, who is a graduate of an approved school of practical nursing, with at least 3 years active practice as a practical nurse.

The public members shall be residents of Delaware for a minimum of 3 years, shall be knowledgeable about the health needs of Delaware, but shall not be licensees of any health occupation board, employees of a health care occupational board, employees of a health care facility or agency, or engaged in governance or administration of a health care facility or agency.

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