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SENATE BILL NO. 703

Senate Amendments in [] — January 30, 2006

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-3011 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-3013.1, relating to the Board of Nursing; nursing education programs to include child abuse recognition and intervention.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Devolites Davis

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-3011 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-3013.1 as follows:

§ 54.1-3011. Renewal of licenses; lapsed licenses; reinstatement; penalties; certain child abuse recognition and intervention instruction required.

A. Every license issued under the provisions of this chapter shall be renewed biennially by such time as the Board may prescribe by regulation. The Board shall mail an application for renewal to every licensee, but the failure to receive such application shall not excuse any licensee from the requirements for renewal. The person receiving such application shall furnish the requested information and return the form to the Board with the renewal fee.

B. *On and after July 1, 2006, the Board shall require that any person seeking initial licensure [~~or renewal of a license~~] as a professional nurse, clinical nurse specialist, or practical nurse shall have received instruction in child abuse recognition and intervention.*

C. Any licensee who allows his license to lapse by failing to renew the license may be reinstated by the Board upon submission of satisfactory evidence that he is prepared to resume practice in a competent manner and upon payment of the fee.

D. Any person practicing nursing during the time his license has lapsed shall be considered an illegal practitioner and shall be subject to the penalties provided for violations of this chapter.

§ 54.1-3013.1. Nursing education programs to include child abuse recognition and intervention.

In the exercise of its authority to establish minimum standards for professional nursing curricula, clinical nurse specialist curricula, and practical nursing curricula, the Board of Nursing shall require that approved nursing education programs provide instruction in child abuse recognition and intervention.

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