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SENATE BILL NO. 1167

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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-3018, 54.1-3021, and 54.1-3024 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Board of Nursing; licensure or certification by endorsement for members of the United States military.*

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 54.1-3018, 54.1-3021, and 54.1-3024 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-3018. Registered nurse's license by endorsement.

A. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to an applicant to practice professional nursing if the applicant has been licensed as a professional or registered nurse under the laws of another state, the District of Columbia, ~~or~~ a United States possession or territory, *or the medical corps of a branch of the United States military* and, in the opinion of the Board, the applicant meets the qualifications required of registered nurses in ~~this~~ *the* Commonwealth.

B. The Board shall also endorse for licensure nurses who hold an unrestricted license in Canada and whose training was obtained in a nursing school in Canada where English was the primary language and who have passed the Canadian Registered Nurses Examination (CRNE).

§ 54.1-3021. Practical nurse's license by endorsement.

The Board may issue a license by endorsement to any applicant to practice as a licensed practical nurse if the applicant has been licensed as a practical nurse or a person entitled to perform similar services under *the* laws of another state, the District of Columbia ~~or~~, a United States possession or territory, *or the medical corps of a branch of the United States military* and, in the opinion of the Board, the applicant meets the requirements for licensed practical nurses in ~~this~~ *the* Commonwealth.

§ 54.1-3024. Application for certification by endorsement.

Every applicant for certification by endorsement shall pay the required application fee, shall submit the information required by the Board in the manner and form specified by the Board, and shall submit written evidence that the applicant:

1. Is certified to practice as a nurse aide by another state or territory of the United States (with requirements that are essentially similar to the requirements for certification set out in this article) *or the medical corps of a branch of the United States military* and that such certification is in good standing;

2. Has not committed any act or omission that would be grounds for discipline or denial of certification under this article;

3. Has no record of abuse, negligent practice, or misappropriation of a patient's or resident's property or any disciplinary action taken or pending in any other state or territory against such certification.

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