

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

Board of Nursing

Rule No.: N 2, 3

Relating to: Licensure

Rule Type: Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):

N/A

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The objective of the proposed rule is to update the licensure process by both exam and endorsement. The majority of these two chapters were last updated in 1984.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

The existing rules has references to a bureau which no longer exists within the Department of Safety and Professional Services; the role of the Examining Councils as outlined in N 2 is obsolete due to modern test taking methodology and the exam currently being used; and the process in the current rule for approval of an application is not consistent with the modern practices and technologies.

The policy proposed would be to update the rule and create clarity regarding the process of obtaining licensure. The Board of Nursing will consider the National Council of State Board of Nursing's model rules and the licensing process used by our neighboring states.

The alternative to the policy is for the rule to remain outdated with inconsistencies. The rules should reflect clear and precise licensing rules rather than attempting to interpret the rules to fit situations which did not exist in 1984.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

s. 15.08(5)(b) Each examining board shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.

441.01(3) The board may also establish rules to prevent unauthorized persons from practicing professional nursing. It shall approve all rules for the administration of this chapter in accordance with ch. 227.

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

150 hours

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

Applicants

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:

None

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

None

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