

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING	:	NOTICE OF TIME PERIOD
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE	:	FOR COMMENTS FOR THE
BOARD OF NURSING	:	ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the time period for public comment on the economic impact of this proposed rule of the Board of Nursing relating to grounds for denying a credential, including how this proposed rule may affect businesses, local government units and individuals. The comments will be considered when the Department of Safety and Professional Services prepares the Economic Impact Analysis pursuant to § 227.137. Written comments may be submitted to:

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The deadline for submitting economic impact comments is September 1, 2015.

PROPOSED ORDER

An order of the Board of Nursing to amend N 7.01 (2) and N 7.03 (intro) relating to grounds for denying a credential.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

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ANALYSIS

**Statutes interpreted:** s. 441.07

**Statutory authority:** ss. 15.08 (5) (b) and 441.01 (3), Stats.

**Explanation of agency authority:**

The board shall promulgate rules for the guidance of the profession and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to nursing.

The board may establish rules to prevent unauthorized persons from practicing professional nursing and approve all rules for the administration of ch. 441, Stats.

**Related statute or rule:**

**Plain language analysis:**

This rule clarifies that ch. N 7 also provides grounds for denying an initial license or certificate. 2013 Act 114 amended s. 441.07, Stats to give authority to the board to deny an initial license or certificate. This rule updates s. N 7.01 (2) and N 7.03 (intro) to reflect that change in authority.

**Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation:** None

**Comparison with rules in adjacent states:**

**Illinois:** Illinois specifies unethical or unprofessional conduct is grounds for discipline as well as grounds for refusing to issue a license.

**Iowa:** Iowa does not specify that the grounds for discipline are the same for denying an initial license.

**Michigan:** Michigan does not specify that the grounds for discipline are the same for denying an initial license.

**Minnesota:** Minnesota specifies the grounds for discipline are the same grounds for denying an initial license.

**Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:**

The board incorporated the authority to deny an initial license into rules of conduct chapter.

**Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact analysis:**

**Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis:**

The department is currently soliciting information and advice from businesses, local government units and individuals in order to prepare the Economic Impact Analysis.

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TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. N 7.01(2) is amended to read:

**N 7.01 (2)** The intent of the board of nursing in adopting this chapter is to specify grounds for denying an initial license or certificate or limiting, suspending, revoking, or denying renewal of a license or certificate or for reprimanding a licensee or certificate holder.

SECTION 2. N 7.03 (intro) is amended to read:

**N 7.03 Grounds for denying ~~renewal~~ or disciplinary action.** The grounds for denying ~~renewal~~ or taking disciplinary action on a license or certificate are any of the following:

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

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(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

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