

LEGISLATIVE BILL 455

Approved by the Governor March 27, 1991

Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee:
Wesely, 26, Chairperson; Beyer, 3;
Cudaback, 36; Dierks, 40; Schellpeper, 18

AN ACT relating to nursing home administrators; to amend sections 71-6055 and 71-6056, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to change certain training requirements for administrator-in-training programs as prescribed; to change requirements for reciprocal licensure; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 71-6055, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

71-6055. (1) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(b) of section 71-6054, in order for a person to become a nursing home administrator, he or she shall complete an administrator-in-training program. Such training shall occur in a home for the aged or infirm or nursing home under the supervision of a certified preceptor, and it may be gained as an internship which is part of an approved associate degree in long-term care administration or, until January 1, 1992, after receipt of the associate degree in long-term care administration.

(2) An applicant may begin his or her administrator-in-training program upon application to the board with the required fee provided for in section 71-6061, evidence that he or she meets the requirements of subdivision (1)(a)(i) of section 71-6054, and evidence of an agreement between the certified preceptor and the applicant for at least nine hundred sixty hours of training and experience, or six hundred forty hours of training and experience as an internship in an approved associate degree program, in the nine-point core of knowledge in a Nebraska-licensed home for the aged or infirm or nursing home under the direct supervision of a certified preceptor. ~~Commencing January 1, 1992, this training may only be gained as an internship which is a part of the associate degree in long-term care administration.~~

(3) Upon approval by the board to begin the administrator-in-training program, the certified preceptor and the administrator-in-training shall submit to the department a progress report describing the nature and extent of the training completed to date by the fifth day of each month of the duration of the training. The training shall be completed not more than one year prior to application for licensure as a nursing home administrator.

(4) The administrator-in-training program shall occur under the supervision of a certified preceptor. In order to become a certified preceptor an applicant shall (a) be currently licensed and practicing as a nursing home administrator in the State of Nebraska, (b) have three years of experience as a nursing home administrator, and (c) complete a preceptor training course approved by the board.

Sec. 2. That section 71-6056, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

71-6056. The board may issue a license to any person who passes the state examination specified in subdivision (1)(a)(iii) of section 71-6054 and who holds a current nursing home administrator license from another jurisdiction if the board finds that the standards for licensure in such other jurisdiction are at least the substantial equivalent of those prevailing in this state and that the applicant is a person who has been in active practice as a nursing home administrator ~~for at least one year~~ in some other state or territory or the District of Columbia, as established by the certificate of the proper licensing authority of the state, territory, or District of Columbia, certifying that the applicant is duly licensed, that his or her license has never been suspended or revoked, and that, so far as the records of such authority are concerned, the applicant is entitled to its endorsement. The applicant shall also present proof of the following: (1) That the state, territory, or District of Columbia from which the applicant comes has and maintains standards regulating nursing home administration substantially equivalent to those maintained by Nebraska; (2) that his or her license was based upon a national licensure examination and the grades given at such examination; (3) the date of his or her license; (4) that such licensee has been actively engaged in the practice under such license since it was issued or, if not so engaged, the time when he or she was out of practice; (5) the affidavit of at least two

practitioners in that state or territory or the District of Columbia testifying to the applicant being of good moral character and standing as a nursing home administrator; (6) completion of an administrator-in-training program as determined by the board to be substantially equivalent to the program described in section 71-6055. Two years of experience as an administrator of a home for the aged or infirm or nursing home, immediately preceding application for Nebraska licensure, shall be considered substantially equivalent to completion of an administrator-in-training program; and (7) completion of twenty-five hours of continuing education relating to long-term care administration as defined in the nine-point core of knowledge within the twelve months prior to application for reciprocal licensure. An applicant for reciprocal licensure coming from any state may be licensed by reciprocity if his or her individual qualifications meet such requirements.

Sec. 3. That original sections 71-6055 and 71-6056, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, are repealed.

Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act shall be in full force and take effect, from and after its passage and approval, according to law.