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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 436, L.D. 619, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Licensing of Nurses"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§2202." by striking out all of the 2nd sentence (page 1, lines 11 to 15 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following: 'Upon successfully passing such the examination, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice professional nursing as a registered nurse, the license to be in force for a period of at least one year until the birth date of the licensee.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§2206." by striking out all of the first paragraph (page 1, lines 23 to 38 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'The license of every registered nurse licensed under this chapter ~~shall be renewed annually~~ is renewable every 2 years, except as otherwise provided. At least 30 days before the ~~anniversary of that person's birth date that the license expires,~~ the board shall mail an application for renewal of license to each professional nurse who holds a valid license, ~~which.~~ The application shall must be mailed to the most recent address of that person as it appears on the records of the board. That person shall complete the renewal application and return it to the board with a the renewal fee ~~of \$20 as the board designates~~ but not to exceed \$100 before the anniversary of that person's birth expiration date of the license. Upon receipt of the application and fee, the board shall verify the accuracy of the application and issue to the applicant a certificate of renewal of license for ~~the year~~ a period of 2 years, expiring on the anniversary of the applicant's birth.'

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Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated
"§2252." by striking out all of the 3rd sentence (page 2, lines
15 to 20 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:
'Upon successfully passing such the examination, the board shall
issue to the applicant a license to practice as a licensed
practical nurse, that license to be in force ~~from the date of~~
~~issue~~ for a period of at least one year until the birth date of
the licensee.'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated
"§2255." by striking out all of the first paragraph (page 2,
lines 28 to 43 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'The license of every practical nurse licensed under this
chapter ~~shall be renewed annually~~ is renewable every 2 years,
except as otherwise provided. At least 30 days before the
~~anniversary of that person's birth date that the license expires,~~
the board shall mail an application for renewal of license to
each practical nurse who holds a valid license, ~~which.~~ The
application shall must be mailed to the most recent address of
the that person as it appears on the records of the board. That
person shall complete the renewal application and return it to
the board with a the renewal fee ~~of \$20 as the board designates~~
but not to exceed \$100 before the ~~anniversary of that person's~~
~~birth expiration date of the license.~~ Upon receipt of the
application and fee, the board shall verify the accuracy of the
application and issue to the applicant a certificate of renewal
of license for ~~the year~~ a period of 2 years, expiring on the
anniversary of the applicant's birth.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 5. Effective date and transition. This Act takes effect on
January 1, 1992. The board shall renew 1/2 of the licenses due
for renewal in 1992 for one year and the remaining for 2 years.
The board shall determine the specific licenses to be renewed for
these time periods.'

FISCAL NOTE

1991-92

REVENUES

Other Funds

\$95,600

This bill changes the licensing process for registered
nurses and practical nurses to provide for a 2-year renewal
process. The Department of Professional and Financial
Regulation, Board of Nursing will realize some reduction in

2 license processing costs. The collections of 2-year license fees
will also create an initial one-time increase of dedicated
4 revenue, estimated to be \$95,600. The amount of the savings that
will realized by reducing the time needed to process licenses can
not be estimated at this time.

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8 The transition provisions for conversion to a 2-year cycle
will require computer programming changes, the cost of which can
be absorbed within current allocations of the Board of Nursing.'

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12 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

14 This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.

16 1. It changes the 3-year renewal period to a 2-year renewal
18 period.

20 2. It removes the specific license fee and replaces it with
a fee limit of \$100 per renewal.

22 3. It retains language currently in law that designates the
24 anniversary of a person's birth as the expiration date of the
license.

26 4. It provides an effective date of 1992 and provides that
28 the renewal period for 1/2 of the licenses in that year are to be
for one year.

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