

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 53rd Legislature

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| Bill No.: | HB 1275 |
| Version: | Introduced |
| Request Number: | 5197 |
| Author: | Rep. Ownbey |
| Date: | 2/22/2011 |
| Impact: | \$0 |

Research Analysis

HB 1275, as introduced, makes changes to various sections of the Nursing Practice Act, including:

- Increasing the number of statutorily allowed FTE of the Board of Nursing from 26 to 30.
- Clarifying the titles and roles of certain nursing professions which the State Board of Nursing can license or certify, including advanced practice registered nurse, certified nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, nurse midwife, certified nurse midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist and advanced unlicensed assistant. The measure restricts the titles and roles of nursing profession to persons with licenses in certain areas. It also creates provisions for the licensure of advanced practice registered nurses and advanced unlicensed assistants.
- Replacing language related to the unlicensed assistant working group with new program requirements.
- Requiring that applicants for RN and LPN licenses be at least 18 years of age.
- Clarifying that no single fee for a license or certification can be more than \$125.
- Giving the Board the ability to authorize or deny prescriptive and other drug-related authority.
- Authorizing the executive director to suspend the license of an applicant who submits payment that is not honored until proper payment and associated costs are submitted. It also exempts this provision from the Administrative Procedures Act.
- Authorizing the Board to discipline a license holder if the person defaults on the Peer Assistance Program or violates Board rules on professional boundaries with patients or sexual misconduct. It also authorizes the Board to place conditions on the license of a program participant and makes it the responsibility of the participant to pay costs associated with the program.
- Authorizing Board to recover certain costs associated with disciplinary actions.
- Authorizing the executive director to rescind the license of someone not entitled to it and suspend the license of certain incarcerated persons until the Board acts on reinstatement requests.

- Defining criminal background check requirements.
- Redefining nurses licensed in another state who can practice temporarily in Oklahoma.
- Authorizing the Board to recognize graduates of certain nursing education programs as qualified and promulgate related rules.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1275 as introduced, updates language in the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, and increases from 26 to 30 the Full Time Employee (FTE) limit for the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. The Board of Nursing intends to fill the positions with a Nurse Investigator, estimated salary of \$55,000 per year and 3 Administrative Technicians, estimated salary of \$24,000 per year per technician. The Board of Nursing is a non appropriated state agency, any additional costs would be funded by revolving fund revenue available to the Board, therefore HB 1275 has no direct impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

N/A