

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1262

By: Justice of the Senate

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4 Osborn of the House

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6 An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
7 amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 567.6, which relates  
8 to licensure of practical nurses; removing certain  
9 requirements for licensure; and providing an  
effective date.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 567.6, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 567.6 A. All applicants for a license to practice as a  
14 Licensed Practical Nurse shall be subject to Section 567.8 of this  
15 title.

16 B. An applicant for a license to practice as a Licensed  
17 Practical Nurse shall submit to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing  
18 certified evidence that the applicant:

19 1. ~~Has received a high school diploma or a General Educational~~  
20 ~~Development (G.E.D.) credential;~~

21 2. Has successfully completed the prescribed curricula in a  
22 state-approved program of practical nursing and holds or is entitled  
23 to hold a diploma or certificate therefrom, or equivalent courses in  
24 a state-approved program of nursing;

1       ~~3.~~ 2. Has never been convicted in this state, the United States  
2 or another state or territory of any felony, unless five (5) years  
3 have elapsed since the date of the criminal conviction or the  
4 termination of any probation or other requirements imposed on the  
5 applicant by the sentencing court, whichever shall last occur, or a  
6 presidential or gubernatorial pardon for the criminal offense has  
7 been received, provided that the provisions of this paragraph shall  
8 not be effective until November 1, 2003;

9       ~~4.~~ 3. Has submitted a criminal history records search that  
10 complies with Section 567.18 of this title;

11       ~~5.~~ 4. Is a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age; and

12       ~~6.~~ 5. Has met such other reasonable preliminary qualification  
13 requirements as the Board may prescribe.

14       C. The applicant for a license to practice as a Licensed  
15 Practical Nurse shall be required to pass a written examination in  
16 such subjects as the Board may require. Upon the applicant  
17 successfully passing such examination the Board may issue to the  
18 applicant a license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. An  
19 applicant who fails such examination shall be subject to  
20 reexamination according to the rules of the Board. The passing  
21 criteria shall be established by the Board in its rules.

22       D. The Board may issue a license to practice as a Licensed  
23 Practical Nurse without examination to any applicant who has been  
24 duly licensed or registered as a Licensed Practical Nurse, or is

1 entitled to perform similar services under a different title,  
2 according to the laws of another state, territory, the District of  
3 Columbia or a foreign country if such applicant meets the  
4 requirements for Licensed Practical Nurses in the State of Oklahoma.

5 E. Any person holding a license to practice as a licensed  
6 attendant issued by the Board, which is valid on July 1, 1953, shall  
7 be deemed to be a Licensed Practical Nurse under the provisions of  
8 this act.

9 F. Any person who holds a license to practice as a Licensed  
10 Practical Nurse in this state shall have the right to use both the  
11 title "Licensed Practical Nurse" and the abbreviation "L.P.N." No  
12 other person shall assume such title or use such abbreviation or any  
13 other words, letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the person  
14 using the same is a Licensed Practical Nurse.

15 Any individual doing so shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, which  
16 shall be punishable, upon conviction, by imprisonment in the county  
17 jail for not more than one (1) year or by a fine of not less than  
18 One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars  
19 (\$1,000.00), or by both such imprisonment and fine for each offense.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.  
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