

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE BILL 714

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act;
8 amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 567.5, which relates
9 to use of titles and abbreviations; prohibiting use
of certain title under certain circumstances; and
providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 567.5, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 567.5. A. All applicants for a license to practice as
16 a Registered Nurse shall be subject to Section 567.8 of this title.

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

20 1. Has completed the basic professional curricula of a school
21 of nursing approved by a state board of nursing, and holds or is
22 entitled to hold a diploma or degree therefrom;

23 2. Has never been convicted in this state, the United States or
24 another state or territory of any felony, unless five (5) years have

1 elapsed since the date of the criminal conviction or the termination
2 of any probation or other requirements imposed on the applicant by
3 the sentencing court, whichever shall last occur, or a presidential
4 or gubernatorial pardon for the criminal offense has been received,
5 provided that the provisions of this paragraph shall not be
6 effective until November 1, 2003;

7 3. Has submitted a criminal history records search that
8 complies with Section 567.18 of this title;

9 4. Is a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age; and

10 5. Has met such other qualifications as the Board may prescribe
11 in its rules.

12 C. An applicant for a license shall be required to pass a
13 written examination in such subjects as the Board may determine.
14 Upon an applicant successfully passing such an examination, the
15 Board may issue to the applicant a license to practice as a
16 Registered Nurse. An applicant who fails such examination shall be
17 subject to reexamination according to the rules of the Board. The
18 passing criteria shall be established by the Board in its rules.

19 D. The Board may issue a license to practice nursing as a
20 registered nurse without examination to an applicant who has been
21 duly licensed as a Registered Nurse under the laws of another state,
22 territory, the District of Columbia or a foreign country, if such
23 applicant meets the qualifications required for licensing as a
24 Registered Nurse in this state.

1 E. Any person who holds a license to practice as a registered
2 nurse in this state shall have the right to use both the title
3 "Registered Nurse" and the abbreviation "R.N." No other person shall
4 assume such title or use such abbreviation, or any other words,
5 letters, signs or figures to indicate that the person using the same
6 is a registered nurse. Any individual doing so shall be guilty of a
7 misdemeanor, which shall be punishable, upon conviction, by
8 imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year or by
9 a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than
10 One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such imprisonment and
11 fine for each offense.

12 F. No person shall use the professional designation of
13 "midwife" including, but not limited to, "direct entry nurse
14 midwife", unless such person meets the licensing requirements for a
15 Registered Nurse license issued by the Board.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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