

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1235

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSES; AMENDING SECTION 54-1403, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE BOARD OF NURSING.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-1403, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1403. BOARD OF NURSING. (1) Appointment, Removal and Term of Office. There is hereby created within the department of self-governing agencies the board of nursing for the state of Idaho composed of nine (9) members appointed by the governor. Membership of the board shall consist of the following:

- (a) Five (5) persons licensed to practice registered nursing in Idaho, of whom three (3) shall be educated at the associate degree level provided that one (1) of these may be a diploma nurse, and two (2) of whom shall be educated at the baccalaureate, master's or doctoral level;
- (b) Two (2) persons licensed to practice practical nursing in Idaho;
- (c) One (1) person licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse in Idaho; and
- (d) One (1) person who is a lay person to health care occupations.

In making appointments to the board, consideration shall be given to the board's responsibility in areas of education and practice. ~~Persons may be reappointed to the board as long as they meet the qualifications of the position to which they were originally appointed. In the event that a member has attained an additional degree of education, that member may not be reappointed to represent the board position designated for another specific degree of education.~~ Members of the board shall hold office until expiration of the term to which the member was appointed and until his successor has been duly appointed and qualified. Upon expiration of any term or creation of any vacancy, the board shall notify the governor thereof, who then shall make such appointment or fill such vacancy within sixty (60) days. Appointments shall be for terms of four (4) years except appointments to vacancies which shall be for the unexpired term being filled. No member shall be appointed for more than three (3) consecutive terms. All board members shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

(2) Qualifications of Members. No person is qualified for appointment hereunder unless that person is a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state of Idaho. Members required to be licensed hereunder shall not be qualified for appointment to the board unless actively engaged in some field of nursing in Idaho at the time of appointment. No person is qualified for appointment as ~~the~~ a lay member of the board if the person or his spouse is licensed in any health occupation; is an employee, officer or agent of or has any financial interest in any health care facility, institution, or associ-

1 ation or any insurance company authorized to underwrite health care insur-  
2 ance; or is engaged in the governance and administration of any health care  
3 facility, institution or association.

4 (3) Conduct of Business. The board shall meet at such times as required  
5 to conduct the business of the board and shall annually elect from its mem-  
6 bers a chairman, vice chairman and such other officers as may be desirable.  
7 Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum and the vote of a majority of mem-  
8 bers present at a meeting wherein a quorum is present shall determine the ac-  
9 tion of the board. Each member of the board shall be compensated as provided  
10 by section 59-509(i), Idaho Code.