

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 591

BY SENATOR MCPHERSON

NURSES. Provides for the qualifications of an applicant for licensure as a practical nurse.
(8/15/10)

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:970, relative to the licensure of nurses; to provide for the
3 qualifications for licensure as a practical nurse; and to provide for related matters.
4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
5 Section 1. R.S. 37:970 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
6 §970. Qualifications of applicants
7 An applicant for a license to practice as a practical nurse shall:
8 (1) Be of good moral character;
9 (2) Be a **permanent resident or** citizen of the United States ~~or have taken~~
10 ~~out his first citizenship papers;~~
11 (3) Have successfully completed the course in an accredited school for the
12 training of practical nurses.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Greg Waddell.

DIGEST

McPherson (SB 591)

Present law provides that an applicant for a license to practice as a practical nurse shall:

- (1) Be of good moral character.
- (2) Be a citizen of the United States or have taken out his first citizenship papers.
- (3) Have successfully completed the course in an accredited school for the training of practical nurses.

Proposed law removes the requirement for licensure as a practical nurse of an applicant having taken out his first citizenship papers and expands the requirement to allow an applicant who is a permanent resident.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 37:970)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by SenateCommittee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill.

1. Replaces provision which requires the applicant to be a citizen of the United States and expands the requirement to include applicants who are permanent residents of the United States.