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Overview

This bill, if passed, would modify advance practice registered nurse (APRN) licensing requirements. APRNs are licensed by the Board of Nursing, are required to complete a graduate level program, and must be certified by a national nurse certification organization acceptable to the board to practice as a clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist, nurse-midwife, or nurse practitioner.

Section

- 1 Encumbered.** Amends § 148.171, subd. 7b. Adds definition of “encumbered” to mean:
- (1) a nursing license that is revoked, suspended, or limited by a state licensing board; or
 - (2) a license that is voluntarily surrendered.

Makes section effective the day following final enactment.

- 2 Intervention.** Amends § 148.171 to add subd. 7c. Moves definition of “intervention” previously in subdivision 7b.

Makes section effective the day following final enactment.

- 3 Advanced practice registered nurse licensure.** Amends § 148.211, subd. 1a. Removes January 1, 2015, effective date.

(3)(i) Modifies requirements for APRN programs sufficient for licensure, completed on or after January 1, 2016, to include at least one graduate-level course in each of the following subjects: advanced physiology and pathophysiology, advanced health assessment, and pharmacokinetics and pharmacotherapeutics.

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(ii) Requires APRN license applicant to, in lieu of educational requirements listed in (3)(i), demonstrate compliance with APRN education requirements in effect at the time the applicant completed an APRN program.

Makes section effective the day following final enactment.

- 4** **Postgraduate practice.** Amends § 148.211, subd. 1c. Allows for a collaborative agreement to include physicians licensed in another U.S. state or territory. A collaborative agreement allows a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist who qualifies for APRN licensure to complete postgraduate practice hour requirements within a hospital or integrated clinical setting.

Makes section effective the day following final enactment.

- 5** **Licensure by endorsement.** Amends § 148.211, subd. 2. Removes additional requirements for APRN licensure by endorsement that were effective January 1, 2015, to allow for licensure without examination for an applicant licensed or registered as a nurse in another state, territory, or country with equivalent qualifications as are required in Minnesota.

Makes section effective the day following final enactment.

- 6** **Repealer.** Repeals § 148.211, subd. 1b, the APRN grandfather provision for education requirements. Repeals § 148.243, subd. 15, the fee for practicing without current APRN certification.

Makes section effective the day following final enactment