

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1262

By: Justice of the Senate

and

Osborn and Ritze of the
House

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

SUBJECT: Licensed Practical Nurses

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

D. The Board may issue a license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse without examination to any applicant who has been duly licensed or registered as a Licensed Practical Nurse, or is entitled to perform similar services under a different title, according to the laws of another state, territory, the District of Columbia or a foreign country if such applicant meets the requirements for Licensed Practical Nurses in the State of Oklahoma.

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

F. Any person who holds a license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse in this state shall have the right to use both the title "Licensed Practical Nurse" and the abbreviation "L.P.N." No

other person shall assume such title or use such abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the person using the same is a Licensed Practical Nurse.

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

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

Passed the Senate the 6th day of March, 2014.

A. Bruce Mackitt
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 16th day of April, 2014.

Don Acme
Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 21st

day of April, 20 14, at 5:50 o'clock P M.

By: Audrey Rockwell

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Mary Fallin
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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