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Short Title: Nursing Home Adm. Qual.

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April 24, 1991

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF  
3 NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 90-278 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 90-278. Qualifications for licensure.**

7 The Board shall have authority to issue licenses to qualified persons as nursing home  
8 administrators, and shall establish qualification criteria for such nursing home  
9 administrators.

10 (1) A license as a nursing home administrator shall be issued to any  
11 person upon the Board's determination that:

12 a. He is at least 18 years of age, of good moral character and of  
13 sound physical and mental health; and

14 b. He has successfully completed the equivalent of two years of  
15 college level study (60 semester hours or 96 quarter hours) from  
16 an accredited community college, college or university prior to  
17 application for licensure;

18 or

19 has completed a combination of education and experience,  
20 acceptable under rules promulgated by the Board, prior to  
21 application for licensure. Under this provision, two years of  
22 supervisory experience in a nursing home shall be equated to  
23 one year of college study; and

- 1 c. He has satisfactorily completed a course prescribed by the  
2 Board, which course contains instruction on the services  
3 provided by nursing homes, laws governing nursing homes,  
4 protection of patient interests and nursing home administration;  
5 and  
6 d. He has successfully completed his training period as an  
7 administrator-in-training as prescribed by the Board ~~or has~~  
8 ~~professional experience the Board declares is comparable to a~~  
9 ~~period of training as an administrator; and has professional~~  
10 ~~experience the Board declares is comparable to a period of~~  
11 ~~training as an administrator; and Board. If a person has served~~  
12 ~~at least 12 weeks as a hospital administrator or assistant~~  
13 ~~administrator of a hospital-based long-term care nursing unit or~~  
14 ~~hospital-based swing beds licensed under Article 5 of Chapter~~  
15 ~~131E or Article 2 of Chapter 122C, the Board shall consider~~  
16 ~~this experience comparable to the initial on-the-job portion of~~  
17 ~~the administrator-in-training program only; and~~  
18 e. He has passed examinations administered by the Board and  
19 designed to test for competence in the subject matters referred  
20 to in paragraph c of this subdivision.

21 (2) Repealed by Session Laws 1981, c. 722, s. 6.

22 (3) A temporary license may be issued under requirements and conditions  
23 prescribed by the Board to any person to act or serve as administrator  
24 of a nursing home without meeting the requirements for full licensure,  
25 but only when there are unusual circumstances preventing compliance  
26 with the procedures for licensing elsewhere provided by this Article.  
27 The temporary license shall be issued by the chairman only for the  
28 period prior to the next meeting of the Board, at which time the Board  
29 may renew such temporary license for a further period only up to one  
30 year."

31 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.