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HOUSE BILL NO. 154

INTRODUCED BY P. TUSS

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO NURSING LICENSING; ~~ELIMINATING LICENSING OBLIGATIONS FOR MEDICATION AIDES; REVISING DEFINITIONS REVISING MEDICATION AIDE II QUALIFICATIONS RELATING TO WORK EXPERIENCE; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 37-8-101, 37-8-102, 37-8-202, AND 37-20-303, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 37-8-422, 37-8-423, 37-8-424, 37-8-425, AND 37-8-426, SECTION 37-8-423, MCA.~~"

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

(Refer to Introduced Bill)

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 37-8-423, MCA, is amended to read:

"37-8-423. Medication aide II -- qualifications. An applicant for a license to practice as a medication aide II shall submit to the board written evidence that the applicant:

- (1) has successfully completed at least an approved 4-year high school course of study or the equivalent as determined by the office of public instruction;
- (2) holds a valid certificate from the department of public health and human services as a certified nursing assistant;
- (3) has been employed as a certified nursing assistant in a long-term care facility licensed to provide skilled nursing care, as defined in 50-5-101, for a minimum of ~~2 years~~ 1,000 hours of supervised employment;
- (4) holds a valid certificate in cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
- (5) (a) has successfully completed a training program specified by the board that includes 100 hours of education consisting of classroom instruction, laboratory skills, and supervised medication

1 administration related to basic pharmacology and principles of safe medication administration; or
2 (b) is currently licensed as a medication aide in another state with a program that is determined by
3 the board to be reasonably equivalent to the board-specified program;
4 (6) has passed a board-approved competency examination with at least 80% proficiency; and
5 (7) has completed ~~12~~6 hours of annual continuing education in pharmacology and medication
6 administration."

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