

HOUSE BILL No. 6557

September 20, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Hopgood, Vagnozzi, Kathleen Law, Meisner, Donigan, Alma Smith, Tobocman and Condino and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
by amending section 17211 (MCL 333.17211).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 17211. (1) A person shall not engage in the practice of
2 nursing or the practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse
3 unless licensed or otherwise authorized by this article.

4 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 16145 OR SECTION 16174(1)(C) OR
5 RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO EITHER OF THOSE SECTIONS, THE BOARD
6 MAY GRANT A LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT APPLYING FOR INITIAL LICENSURE
7 AS A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE OR A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE
8 WHO IS A GRADUATE OF A NURSE EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT IS LOCATED
9 OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES IF HE OR SHE MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF
10 SECTION 16174 AND SATISFIES EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

1 (A) PROVIDES VERIFICATION THAT THE NURSE EDUCATION PROGRAM
2 FROM WHICH HE OR SHE GRADUATED IS SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE
3 NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THIS STATE THAT ARE APPROVED BY THE
4 BOARD.

5 (B) HAS PASSED THE REQUISITE EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE AS A
6 REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE, OR A PRACTICAL NURSE, AS APPROVED BY
7 THE BOARD.

8 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 16145 OR SECTION 16174(1)(C) OR
9 RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO EITHER OF THOSE SECTIONS, THE BOARD
10 MAY GRANT A LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT APPLYING FOR LICENSURE UNDER
11 SECTION 16186 AS A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE OR LICENSED
12 PRACTICAL NURSE WHO IS A GRADUATE OF A NURSE EDUCATION PROGRAM
13 LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES IF HE OR SHE MEETS THE
14 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (2) AND PROVIDES VERIFICATION OF
15 LICENSURE OR REGISTRATION IN EACH STATE, COUNTRY, JURISDICTION,
16 TERRITORY, AND PROVINCE IN WHICH HE OR SHE IS CURRENTLY LICENSED OR
17 REGISTERED OR HAS BEEN LICENSED OR REGISTERED. IF THE APPLICANT
18 SEEKING LICENSURE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION HAS MAINTAINED AN ACTIVE
19 LICENSE OR REGISTRATION IN ANOTHER STATE WITH NO DISCIPLINARY
20 SANCTIONS FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THIS
21 APPLICATION, THEN THE APPLICANT DOES NOT HAVE TO PROVIDE THE
22 VERIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(A).