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Representative(s) Boyd offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 96, between lines 20 and 21, of the bill

insert:

Section 87. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 464.008, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

464.008 Licensure by examination.--

(1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse shall apply to the department to take the licensure examination. The department shall examine each applicant who:

(a) Has completed the application form and remitted a fee set by the board not to exceed \$150 and has remitted an examination fee set by the board not to exceed \$75 plus the actual per applicant cost to the department for purchase of the examination from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing or a similar national organization.

(b) Has provided sufficient information on or after October 1, 1989, which must be submitted by the department for

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1 a statewide criminal records correspondence check through the  
2 Department of Law Enforcement.

3 (c) Is in good mental and physical health, is a  
4 recipient of a high school diploma or the equivalent, and has  
5 completed the requirements for graduation from an approved  
6 program for the preparation of registered nurses or licensed  
7 practical nurses, whichever is applicable, or its equivalent  
8 as determined by the board by rule. Courses successfully  
9 completed in a professional nursing program which are at least  
10 equivalent to a practical nursing program may be used to  
11 satisfy the education requirements for licensure as a licensed  
12 practical nurse.

13 (d) Has the ability to communicate in the English  
14 language, which may be determined by an examination given by  
15 the department.

16 (2) Each applicant who passes the examination and  
17 provides proof of graduation from an approved nursing program,  
18 or its equivalent as determined by the board by rule, shall,  
19 unless denied pursuant to s. 464.018, be entitled to licensure  
20 as a registered professional nurse or a licensed practical  
21 nurse, whichever is applicable.

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24 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

25 And the title is amended as follows:

26 On page 4, line 16, after the semicolon,

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28 insert:

29 amending s. 464.008, F.S.; authorizing the  
30 Board of Nursing to establish by rule standards  
31 that are equivalent to approved nursing

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