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Senator Saunders moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment**

On page 7, line 4, through  
page 8, line 8, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 5. Subsections (1), (2), and (4) of section  
464.009, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

464.009 Licensure by endorsement.--

(1) The department shall issue the appropriate license  
by endorsement to practice professional or practical nursing  
to an applicant who, upon applying to the department and  
remitting a fee set by the board not to exceed \$100,  
demonstrates to the board that he or she:

(a) Holds a valid license to practice professional or  
practical nursing in another state or territory of the United  
States, provided that, when the applicant secured his or her  
original license, the requirements for licensure were  
substantially equivalent to or more stringent than those  
existing in Florida at that time; ~~or~~

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1 (b) Meets the qualifications for licensure in s.  
2 464.008 and has successfully completed a state, regional, or  
3 national examination which is substantially equivalent to or  
4 more stringent than the examination given by the department;  
5 or

6 (c) Has actively practiced nursing in another state,  
7 jurisdiction, or territory of the United States for 2 of the  
8 preceding 3 years without having his or her license acted  
9 against by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction.

10 Applicants who become licensed pursuant to this paragraph must  
11 complete within 6 months after licensure a Florida laws and  
12 rule course that is approved by the board. Once the department  
13 has received the results of the national criminal history  
14 check and has determined that the applicant has no criminal  
15 history, the appropriate license by endorsement shall be  
16 issued to the applicant. This paragraph is repealed July 1,  
17 2004, unless reenacted by the Legislature.

18 (2) Such examinations and requirements from other  
19 states and territories of the United States shall be presumed  
20 to be substantially equivalent to or more stringent than those  
21 in this state. Such presumption shall not arise until January  
22 1, 1980. However, the board may, by rule, specify states the  
23 examinations and requirements of which shall not be presumed  
24 to be substantially equivalent to those of this state.

25 (4) The department shall not issue a license by  
26 endorsement to any applicant who is under investigation in  
27 another state, jurisdiction, or territory of the United States  
28 for an act which would constitute a violation of this part or  
29 chapter 456 until such time as the investigation is complete,  
30 at which time the provisions of s. 464.018 shall apply.

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