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Senator Latvala moved the following:

1 **Senate Substitute for Amendment (343362) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 46 and 47

5 insert:

6 Section 2. Section 464.008, Florida Statutes, is amended to
7 read:

8 464.008 Licensure by examination.—

9 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a registered
10 nurse or licensed practical nurse shall apply to the department
11 to take the licensure examination. The department shall examine



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12 each applicant who meets all of the following requirements:

13 (a) Completes ~~Has completed~~ the application form and remits
14 an application ~~remitted a fee of up to \$150 as set by the board~~
15 ~~not to exceed \$150 and has remitted an examination fee of up to~~
16 \$75 as set by the board, ~~not to exceed \$75~~ plus the actual per
17 applicant cost to the department for purchase of the examination
18 from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing or a
19 similar national organization.

20 (b) Provides a set of fingerprints to ~~Has provided~~
21 ~~sufficient information on or after October 1, 1989, which must~~
22 be submitted by the department for a statewide criminal records
23 correspondence check through the Department of Law Enforcement;~~;~~

24 (c) Is in good mental and physical health.~~.~~

25 (d) Is a recipient of a high school diploma or the
26 equivalent.~~.~~ ~~and~~

27 (e) Completes ~~Has completed~~ the requirements for:

- 28 1. Graduation from an approved program;
29 2. Graduation from a prelicensure nursing education program
30 that the board determines is equivalent to an approved program;
31 3. Graduation on or after July 1, 2009, from an accredited
32 program; or
33 4. Graduation before July 1, 2009, from a prelicensure
34 nursing education program whose graduates at that time were
35 eligible for examination.

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37 Courses successfully completed in a professional nursing
38 education program which ~~that~~ are at least equivalent to a
39 practical nursing education program may be used to satisfy the
40 education requirements for licensure as a licensed practical



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41 nurse.

42 (f)~~(d)~~ Has the ability to communicate in the English
43 language, which may be determined by an examination given by the
44 department.

45 (2) A person who applies to take the licensure examination
46 more than 1 year after satisfying the educational requirements
47 specified in subsection (1) must complete a licensure
48 examination preparatory course approved by the board before
49 being approved for examination.

50 (3)~~(2)~~ Each applicant who passes the examination and
51 provides proof of meeting the educational requirements specified
52 in subsection (1) shall, unless denied pursuant to s. 464.018,
53 be entitled to licensure as a registered professional nurse or a
54 licensed practical nurse, as ~~whichever is~~ applicable.

55 (4)~~(3)~~ An ~~Any~~ applicant who fails the examination three
56 consecutive times, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the
57 examination is taken, must ~~shall be required to~~ complete a
58 board-approved remedial course before the applicant may ~~will~~ be
59 approved for reexamination. After taking the remedial course,
60 the applicant may be approved to retake the examination up to
61 three additional times before the applicant is required to
62 retake remediation. The applicant shall apply for reexamination
63 within 6 months after completion of remediation. The board shall
64 by rule establish guidelines for remedial courses.

65 Section 3. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 464.015,
66 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

67 464.015 Titles and abbreviations; restrictions; penalty.—

68 (3) Only persons who are graduates of prelicensure nursing
69 education programs listed in s. 464.008(1)(e) ~~s. 464.008(1)(e)~~



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70 may use the term "Graduate Nurse" and the abbreviation "G.N.,"
71 pending the results of the first licensure examination for which
72 they are eligible.

73 (4) Only persons who are graduates of prelicensure nursing
74 education programs listed in s. 464.008(1)(e) ~~s. 464.008(1)(e)~~
75 may use the term "Graduate Practical Nurse" and the abbreviation
76 "G.P.N.," pending the results of the first licensure examination
77 for which they are eligible.

78 Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 464.022, Florida
79 Statutes, is amended to read:

80 464.022 Exceptions.—No provision of this part shall be
81 construed to prohibit:

82 (4) The practice of nursing by graduates of prelicensure nursing
83 education programs listed in s. 464.008(1)(e) ~~s. 464.008(1)(e)~~,
84 pending the result of the first licensing examination for which
85 they are eligible following graduation, if ~~provided~~ they
86 practice under direct supervision of a registered professional
87 nurse. The board shall by rule define what constitutes direct
88 supervision.

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

91 And the title is amended as follows:

92 Between lines 3 and 4

93 insert:

94 amending s. 464.008, F.S.; requiring certain
95 applicants for licensure to take a preparatory course;
96 amending ss. 464.015 and 464.022, F.S.; conforming
97 cross-references;