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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative Rodriguez, A. M. offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

4 Between lines 736 and 737, insert:

5 (11) ACCREDITATION REQUIRED.—

6 (a) A nursing education program that prepares students for  
7 the practice of professional nursing, that was approved under  
8 this section before July 1, 2014, and that enrolled students  
9 before July 1, 2014, must become an accredited program by July  
10 1, 2021 ~~2019~~.

11 (b) A nursing education program that prepares students for  
12 the practice of professional nursing and that was approved under  
13 this section before July 1, 2014, but did not enroll students

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14 before that date, must become an accredited program within 7 5  
15 years after the date of enrolling the program's first students.

16 (c) A nursing education program that prepares students for  
17 the practice of professional nursing and that is approved under  
18 this section after June 30, 2014, must become an accredited  
19 program within 7 5 years after the date of enrolling the  
20 program's first students.

21 (d) This subsection does not apply to a nursing education  
22 program provided by an institution that is exempt from licensure  
23 by the Commission for Independent Education under s.  
24 1005.06(1)(e).

25 (e) A nursing education program that fails to meet the  
26 accreditation requirements shall be terminated and is ineligible  
27 for reapproval under its original name or a new program name for  
28 a minimum of 3 years after the date of termination. An  
29 institutional name change or the creation of a new educational  
30 institution with the same ownership does not reduce the waiting  
31 period for reapplication.

32 (f) A nursing education program that was licensed by the  
33 board as of July 1, 2019, and that was not accredited by that  
34 date, shall remain eligible to be licensed as a nursing  
35 education program regardless of its status as an accredited  
36 program as defined in s. 464.003(1).

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**D I R E C T O R Y A M E N D M E N T**

Remove lines 686-687 and insert:

Section 17. Effective upon this act becoming a law, subsections (10) and (11) of section 464.019, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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**T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

Remove line 65 and insert:

education programs; extending the date and timeframes by which certain nursing education programs must become accredited; providing that certain nursing education programs remain eligible for licensure regardless of accreditation status; amending s. 464.202, F.S.;