STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 22, 2024

Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to providing for temporary authorization of certain nurses to practice at children's camps

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6907-b to read as follows:

§ 6907-b. Temporary authorization for practice at children's camps. 1. (a) A person who is currently licensed and in good standing in another state or territory to practice as a registered nurse may temporarily practice in this state provided that such person:

(i) will be employed at a summer day camp, children's overnight camp, or travelling summer day camp as defined in section thirteen hundred ninety-two of the public health law and has submitted documentation from such children's camp; and

(ii) filed an application for licensure with the department pursuant to section sixty-nine hundred five of this article that is pending a determination.

(b) Prior to commencing such temporarily authorized practice:

(i) the person shall file an application for licensure with the department pursuant to section sixty-nine hundred five of this article;

(ii) the person and an authorized representative of such employing summer day camp, children's overnight camp, or travelling summer day camp shall jointly provide written notification to the department, in a form and format acceptable to the department, that such person intends to practice in this state pursuant to this subdivision;

(iii) the person shall pay a fee determined by the department; and

(iv) the person's name shall appear on a list of persons authorized to temporarily practice registered professional nursing published on the department's website.

(c) Such temporary authorization is only valid between June fifteenth and September fifteenth and shall expire on September fifteenth of each year.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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2. (a) A person who is currently licensed and in good standing in another state or territory of the United States to practice as a licensed practical nurse may be temporarily authorized to practice licensed practical nursing in this state, provided such person:

(i) will be employed at a summer day camp, children's overnight camp, or travelling summer day camp as defined in section thirteen hundred ninety-two of the public health law and has submitted documentation from such children's camp; and

(ii) filed an application for licensure with the department pursuant to section sixty-nine hundred six of this article that is pending a determination.

(b) Prior to commencing such temporarily authorized practice:

(i) the person shall file an application for licensure with the department pursuant to section sixty-nine hundred six of this article;

(ii) the person and an authorized representative of such employing summer day camp, children's overnight camp, or travelling summer day camp shall jointly provide written notification to the department, in a form and format acceptable to the department, that such person intends to practice in this state pursuant to this subdivision;

(iii) the person shall pay a fee determined by the department; and

(iv) the person's name shall appear on a list of persons authorized to temporarily practice licensed practical nursing published on the department's website.

(c) Such temporary authorization is only valid between June fifteenth and September fifteenth and shall expire on September fifteenth of each year.

3. Any person practicing as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse in this state pursuant to this section shall be subject to the personal and subject matter jurisdiction and disciplinary and regulatory authority of the board of regents as if he or she is a licensee and as if the temporary authorization pursuant to this section is a license under this article. Such person shall comply with applicable provisions of this title and the rules of the board of regents relating to professional practice, professional misconduct, disciplinary proceedings and penalties for professional misconduct. Failure to adhere to the notification provisions of this section may be considered unauthorized practice pursuant to section sixty-five hundred twelve of this title.

4. No persons eligible for the temporary authorization pursuant to this section shall be authorized to temporarily practice until they file an application for licensure, provide the required written notification, and pay a fee to the department, and the person's name appears on the lists of persons authorized to temporarily practice published on the department's website.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.