### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

#### **SESSION 1991**

## SENATE BILL 760

Short Title: Nursing Home Adm. Qual.

Sponsors: Senators Murphy; Block, Cooper, Martin of Guilford, Odom, Plexico, Richardson, Sherron, Smith, Speed, Walker, Ward, and Warren.

Referred to: Human Resources.

## April 24, 1991

#### A BILL TO BE ENTITLED -----

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2	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF			
3	NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS.			
4	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:			
5	Section 1. G.S. 90-278 reads as rewritten:			
6	"§ 90-278. Qualifications for licensure.			
7	The Board shall have authority to issue licenses to qualified persons as nursing home			
8	administrators, and shall establish qualification criteria for such nursing home			
9	administrators.			
10	(1) A license as a nursing home administrator shall be issued to any			
11	person upon the Board's determination that:			
12	a. He is at least 18 years of age, of good moral character and of			
13	sound physical and mental health; and			
14	b. He has successfully completed the equivalent of two years of			
15	college level study (60 semester hours or 96 quarter hours) from			
16	an accredited community college, college or university prior to			
17	application for licensure;			
18	or			
19	has completed a combination of education and experience, acceptable			
20	under rules promulgated by the Board, prior to application for			
21	licensure. Under this provision, two years of supervisory			
22	experience in a nursing home shall be equated to one year of			
23	college study; and			

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1		c.	He has satisfactorily completed a course prescribed by the
2			Board, which course contains instruction on the services
3			provided by nursing homes, laws governing nursing homes,
4			protection of patient interests and nursing home administration;
5			and
6		d.	He has successfully completed his training period as an
7			administrator-in-training as prescribed by the Board-Board; or,
8			has been responsible, for at least 12 weeks, as the hospital
9			administrator or assistant administrator, for the administration
10			of hospital based long-term care nursing unit or swing beds,
11			licensed in accordance with Article 5 of G.S. 131E, or Article 2
12			of G.S. 122C, of the General Statutes; or has professional
13			experience the Board declares is comparable to a period of
14			training as an administrator; and
15		e.	He has passed examinations administered by the Board and
16			designed to test for competence in the subject matters referred
17			to in paragraph c of this subdivision.
18	(2)	Repea	led by Session Laws 1981, c. 722, s. 6.
19	(3)	A tem	porary license may be issued under requirements and conditions
20		prescr	ibed by the Board to any person to act or serve as administrator
21			arsing home without meeting the requirements for full licensure,
22		but on	ly when there are unusual circumstances preventing compliance
23		with t	he procedures for licensing elsewhere provided by this Article.
24		The te	emporary license shall be issued by the chairman only for the
25		period	prior to the next meeting of the Board, at which time the Board
26		•	enew such temporary license for a further period only up to one
27		year."	
28	Sec. 2	. This	act is effective upon ratification.

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