

ACT No. 80

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 320

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:970(3) and to enact R.S. 40:2120.52(C), relative to nursing
3 education; to provide for the qualifications of a licensed practical nurse; to provide
4 for the qualifications of a certified nurse aide; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:970(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §970. Qualifications of applicants

8 An applicant for a license to practice as a practical nurse shall:

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10 ~~(3) Have successfully completed the course in an accredited school for the~~
11 ~~training of practical nurses.~~ Satisfy either of the following requirements:

12 (a) Successfully complete an education program for practical nurses at a
13 program approved by the board.

14 (b) Successfully complete an education program for registered nurses at a
15 program approved by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

16 Section 2. R.S. 40:2120.52(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

17 §2120.52. State registration of certified nurse aides in nursing facilities

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19 C.(1) An individual who successfully completes one semester of a registered
20 or practical nursing program that includes a course on foundational nursing skills
21 may apply to take a nurse aide competency evaluation examination approved by the
22 department.

1 (2) A nurse aide who successfully passes an approved nurse aide competency
2 evaluation examination may register with the Louisiana Certified Nurse Aide
3 Registry and shall not be required to complete a nurse aide training program.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____