



2009 SENATE BILL 245

July 28, 2009 – Introduced by JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Referred to Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 441.06 (3) and 441.10 (3) (b); and *to create* 441.001 (5) and
2 441.065 of the statutes; **relating to:** collection of workforce data on registered
3 nurse and licensed practical nurse license renewal forms.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Building Wisconsin's Workforce.

This bill requires that a registered nurse (R.N.) or licensed practical nurse (L.P.N.) submit workforce data to the Board of Nursing as part of the renewal process for a license as an R.N. or L.P.N. Under the bill, "workforce data" includes information relating to gender, race and ethnicity, employment, and education.

This bill also requires that the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) and the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) enter into a memorandum of understanding regarding the specific workforce data to be collected.

4 **SECTION 1.** 441.001 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 441.001 (5) WORKFORCE DATA. “Workforce data” includes information relating
2 to gender, race and ethnicity, employment, and education.

NOTE: This SECTION creates a definition of “workforce data”.

3 **SECTION 2.** 441.06 (3) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act 20, is
4 amended to read:

5 441.06 (3) A registered nurse practicing for compensation shall, on or before
6 the applicable renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a), submit to the board on
7 furnished forms a statement giving name, residence, workforce data, and other facts
8 that the board requires, with the applicable renewal fee determined by the
9 department under s. 440.03 (9) (a).

NOTE: Current law requires an individual to hold and biennially renew a license as an R.N. in order to practice professional nursing in Wisconsin. To renew a license as an R.N., an R.N. must submit to the Board of Nursing a statement giving name, residence, and other facts that the board requires. This SECTION requires an R.N. to submit workforce data in that statement.

10 **SECTION 3.** 441.065 of the statutes is created to read:

11 **441.065 Workforce data.** The department shall enter into a memorandum
12 of understanding with the department of workforce development regarding specific
13 workforce data to be collected on forms furnished by the department under ss. 441.06
14 (3) and 441.10 (3) (b).

NOTE: This SECTION directs DRL and DWD to cooperate in determining specific workforce data to be collected.

15 **SECTION 4.** 441.10 (3) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act 20,
16 is amended to read:

17 441.10 (3) (b) On or before the applicable renewal date specified under s. 440.08
18 (2) (a), a licensed practical nurse practicing for compensation shall submit to the
19 board, on forms furnished by the department, an application for license renewal,
20 together with a statement giving name, residence, nature and extent of practice as

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1 a licensed practical nurse during the prior year and prior unreported years,
2 workforce data, and other facts bearing upon current competency that the board
3 requires, accompanied by the applicable license renewal fee determined by the
4 department under s. 440.03 (9) (a).

NOTE: Current law requires an individual to hold and biennially renew a license as an L.P.N. in order to hold himself or herself out as an L.P.N. To renew a license as an L.P.N., an L.P.N. must submit to the Board of Nursing a statement giving name, residence, and other facts that the board requires. This SECTION requires an L.P.N. to submit workforce data in that statement.

5 **SECTION 5. Effective date.**

6 (1) This act takes effect on July 2, 2009, or on the first day of the 3rd month
7 beginning after publication, whichever is later.

8 (END)