
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING TO
CONDUCT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL LICENSURE EXAMINATION IN THE
CITY OF MANILA IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.

1 WHEREAS, the National Council Licensure Examination is
2 administered by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing
3 and is designed to test knowledge, skills, and abilities
4 essential to the safe and effective practice of nursing at the
5 entry level; and

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7 WHEREAS, in the United States, the National Council
8 Licensure Examination is only provided in a computerized
9 adaptive testing format and is also available in the District of
10 Columbia and Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa,
11 Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Overseas, candidates
12 may also take the examination in Australia, India, Hong Kong,
13 Taiwan, South Korea, Canada, Mexico, Germany, and the United
14 Kingdom; and

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16 WHEREAS, nurses from foreign countries who desire to work
17 as registered or practical nurses within the United States,
18 including Hawaii, need to:

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20 (1) Apply for licensure in the state or territory in which
21 the nurse wishes to be licensed;

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23 (2) Meet all of the eligibility requirements set by the
24 board of nursing of that state or territory to take
25 the National Council Licensure Examination, including
26 a Credentials Evaluation Service report in some
27 jurisdictions; and

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29 (3) Register for, take, and pass the National Council
30 Licensure Examination; and

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1 WHEREAS, in order to travel to the United States to take
 2 the National Council Licensure Examination examination, nurses
 3 trained in other countries must first obtain a nonimmigrant B-2
 4 visa; and

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 6 WHEREAS, by offering a National Council Licensure
 7 Examination testing center in Manila, the National Council of
 8 State Boards of Nursing will overcome a tremendous hurdle for
 9 nurses trained in the Republic of the Philippines, who otherwise
 10 would need to apply for and obtain nonimmigrant B-2 visas to
 11 visit the United States to take the National Council Licensure
 12 Examination, and greatly facilitate the recruitment of
 13 critically needed registered and practical nurses to work in
 14 Hawaii; and

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 16 WHEREAS, the State must take a proactive approach to the
 17 recruitment of qualified nurses in order to fill the State's
 18 nursing shortage; now, therefore,

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 20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 21 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 22 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature urges the
 23 National Council of State Boards of Nursing to establish a
 24 testing center in Manila, Republic of the Philippines, to
 25 accommodate the great numbers of foreign trained nurses wishing
 26 to take the National Council Licensure Examination in order to
 27 work in the United States and to facilitate recruitment of
 28 qualified registered and practical nurses to work in Hawaii; and

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 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director
 32 of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the Director
 33 of Health, the Chairperson of the Board of Nursing, the
 34 President of the Republic of the Philippines, the Ambassador of
 35 the Republic of the Philippines to the United States, and the
 36 Philippines Consulate General in Honolulu.

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