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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1196

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section
- 2 71-6726, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions
- 3 relating to registration of medication aides; and to repeal the
- 4 original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-6726, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 71-6726 (1) To register as a medication aide, an individual shall
4 (a) have successfully completed the requirements in section 71-6725, (b)
5 be at least eighteen years of age, (c) be of good moral character, (d)
6 file an application with the department, and (e) pay the applicable fee.

7 (2) A registered nurse or licensed practical nurse whose license has
8 been revoked, suspended, or voluntarily surrendered in lieu of discipline
9 may not register as a medication aide.

10 ~~(3)(a) (3)~~ An applicant or medication aide shall report to the
11 department, in writing, any conviction for a felony or misdemeanor. A
12 conviction is not a disqualification for placement on the registry unless
13 it relates to the standards identified in section 71-6725 or it reflects
14 on the moral character of the applicant or medication aide.

15 ~~(b) (4)~~ An applicant or medication aide may report any pardon or
16 setting aside of a conviction to the department. If a pardon or setting
17 aside has been obtained, the conviction for which it was obtained shall
18 not be maintained on the Medication Aide Registry.

19 (4) A registered nursing student enrolled in an accredited nursing
20 program who has completed the medication aide certification course, or
21 who has completed required course work in the student's nursing program
22 which meets the requirements of the medication aide certification course,
23 shall be granted temporary certification to begin work as a medication
24 aide during the thirty-day medication aide application processing period.
25 The six-month application submission requirement shall not apply to a
26 nursing student who has completed the medication aide coursework as part
27 of the student's accredited nursing program if (a) such student's
28 competencies are routinely assessed and (b) the dean of the student's
29 nursing program attests to the student's competencies.

30 (5) If a person registered as a medication aide on the Medication
31 Aide Registry becomes licensed as a registered nurse or licensed

1 practical nurse, his or her registration as a medication aide becomes
2 null and void as of the date of licensure.

3 Sec. 2. Original section 71-6726, Reissue Revised Statutes of
4 Nebraska, is repealed.