



2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 294

May 30, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives SORTWELL, DITTRICH, GOEBEN, GUNDRUM, KREIBICH, MIRESE and O'CONNOR, cosponsored by Senator CABRAL-GUEVARA. Referred to Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 15.405 (7g) of the statutes; **relating to:** membership on the
2 Board of Nursing.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Board of Nursing has several powers and duties related to the licensure of nurses and the regulation of the practice of nursing in this state. The Board of Nursing consists of the following nine members appointed for staggered four-year terms: five currently licensed registered nurses, one currently licensed practical nurse, one individual who is either a licensed registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse, and two public members. This bill revises the membership of the Board of Nursing to provide that the board consist of three currently licensed registered nurses, one currently licensed practical nurse, one currently certified advanced practice nurse prescriber, one nurse educator, one member who is either a licensed registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse, and two public members. The bill provides that the two members of the Board of Nursing who were appointed as currently licensed registered nurses whose terms expire the earliest following the effective date of the bill must be replaced by a currently certified advanced practice nurse prescriber and a nurse educator after their terms expire.

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

ASSEMBLY BILL 294**SECTION 1**

SECTION 1. 15.405 (7g) of the statutes is amended to read:

15.405 **(7g)** BOARD OF NURSING. There is created a board of nursing in the department of safety and professional services. The board of nursing shall consist of the following members appointed for staggered 4-year terms: ~~5~~ 3 currently licensed registered nurses under ch. 441; one currently licensed practical nurse under ch. 441; one currently certified advanced practice nurse prescriber under ch. 441; one nurse educator; one member who is either a licensed registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse under ch. 441; and 2 public members. Each registered nurse member shall have graduated from a program in professional nursing and each practical nurse member shall have graduated from a program in practical nursing accredited by the state in which the program was conducted.

SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) Of the members of the board of nursing who were appointed as currently licensed registered nurses under ch. 441 pursuant to s. 15.405 (7g), the position of the 2 such members whose terms expire the earliest following the effective date of this subsection shall be replaced by a currently certified advanced practice nurse prescriber under ch. 441 and a nurse educator after their terms expire.

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