

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JANUARY 10, 2002

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1140

Introduced by Assembly Member Thomson

February 23, 2001

An act to add Section 2811.3 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to nursing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1140, as amended, Thomson. Nursing: ~~shortage of registered nurses practice status.~~

Existing law, the Nursing Act, provides for the licensure and regulation by the Board of Registered Nursing of the practice of registered nurses.

This bill would ~~declare the intent of the Legislature to address the shortage of registered nurses practicing in this state~~ *require the board to obtain specified information regarding the practice status of a registered nurse at the time of renewing his or her license and when requested to place or renew a license in inactive status. The bill would require the board to implement these provisions before July 1, 2003.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~—yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. ~~It is the intent of the Legislature to address the~~
- 2 ~~shortage of registered nurses practicing in this state.~~

1 SECTION 1. Section 2811.3 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:
3 2811.3. (a) The Board of Registered Nursing shall request
4 that each person renewing his or her license under Section 2811
5 report to the board, by means of a questionnaire, his or her practice
6 status, designated as one of the following:
7 (1) Full-time practice in California.
8 (2) Full-time practice outside of California.
9 (3) Part-time practice in California.
10 (4) Employment that does not include direct patient care.
11 (5) Other practice status, as may be further defined by the
12 board.
13 (b) (1) For each person requesting or renewing a license in
14 inactive status under Section 2734, the board shall provide a
15 questionnaire surveying the following:
16 (A) Whether the person intends to return to active status within
17 five or 10 years.
18 (B) Whether the person is unsure if he or she will return to
19 active status.
20 (C) Whether the person does not currently intend to return to
21 active status.
22 (2) The questionnaire shall also include space for the person to
23 indicate the reason he or she chose to request that his or her license
24 be placed in inactive status.
25 (c) The information collected pursuant to this section shall be
26 placed on the board's Internet Web site.
27 (d) This section shall be implemented by the board on or before
28 July 1, 2003.

