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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, *and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1140, as amended, Thomson. Nursing: practice status.

Existing law, the Nursing *Practice Act*, provides for the licensure and regulation by the Board of Registered Nursing of the practice of registered nurses. *Under existing law, all moneys received pursuant to the provisions of this act are deposited into the Board of Registered Nursing Fund which is continuously appropriated.*

This bill would 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 authorize the board to expend the sum of \$145,000 from the Board of Registered Nursing Fund for this purpose. Because the bill would authorize the expenditure of revenues in a continuously appropriated fund for a new purpose, it would make an appropriation.* The bill would require the board to implement these provisions before July 1, 2003.

Vote: ~~majority~~ $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: ~~no~~ *yes*. Fiscal committee: *yes*. State-mandated local program: *no*.

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

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~~ Aggregate information collected pursuant to this
 26 section shall be placed on the board's Internet Web site.
 27 (d) *The board is authorized to expend the sum of one hundred*
 28 *forty-five thousand dollars (\$145,000) from the Board of*
 29 *Registered Nursing Fund in the Professions and Vocations Fund*
 30 *for the purpose of implementing this section.*
 31 (e) This section shall be implemented by the board on or before
 32 July 1, 2003.

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