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nursing assistants; minimum age

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CHAPTER 52

SENATE BILL 1640

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-1645, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE
ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF NURSING.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-1645, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 32-1645. Licensed nursing assistants; certified nursing
5 assistants; licensed health aides; qualifications

6 A. A person who wishes to practice as a licensed nursing assistant
7 shall file a verified application on a form prescribed by the board and
8 accompanied by the fee required pursuant to section 32-1643. The
9 applicant shall also submit a verified statement that indicates whether
10 the applicant has been convicted of a felony and, if convicted of one or
11 more felonies, indicates the date of absolute discharge from the sentences
12 for all felony convictions. The applicant shall also submit proof
13 satisfactory to the board that the applicant meets all of the following:

14 1. Satisfactorily completed the basic curriculum of a program
15 approved by the board.

16 2. Received a valid certificate from a training program approved by
17 the board.

18 3. Satisfactorily completed a competency examination pursuant to
19 section 32-1647.

20 B. A person who wishes to practice as a certified nursing assistant
21 shall file a verified form prescribed by the board and authorized by the
22 omnibus budget reconciliation act of 1987 (P.L. 100-123; 101 Stat. 1330),
23 as amended by the medicare catastrophic coverage act of 1988
24 (P.L. 100-360; 102 Stat. 683). The applicant shall also submit proof
25 satisfactory to the board that the applicant meets all of the following:

26 1. Satisfactorily completed the basic curriculum of a program
27 approved by the board.

28 2. Received a valid certificate from a training program approved by
29 the board.

30 3. Satisfactorily completed the nursing assistant competency
31 examinations pursuant to section 32-1647.

32 C. A person who wishes to practice as a licensed health aide shall
33 file a verified application on a form prescribed by the board and
34 accompanied by the fee required pursuant to section 32-1643. The
35 applicant shall also submit proof satisfactory to the board that the
36 applicant meets all of the following:

37 1. Is a parent, guardian or family member of an individual who is
38 under twenty-one years of age and who is eligible to receive continuous
39 skilled nursing or skilled nursing respite care services pursuant to
40 section 36-2939, subsection G.

1 2. Satisfactorily completed the basic curriculum of and received a
2 valid certificate from a training program approved by the board that
3 includes medication administration, tracheostomy care, enteral care and
4 therapy for persons under twenty-one years of age, and any other tasks
5 approved by the board.

6 3. Satisfactorily completed a competency examination approved by
7 the board.

8 D. A PERSON WHO WISHES TO PRACTICE AS A CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT
9 OR A LICENSED NURSING ASSISTANT SHALL BE AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 23, 2022.

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