

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 95

BY: Committee

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
in lieu thereof the following:**

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-17-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 73-17-11. (1) From and after July 1, 2011, in order to be
12 eligible to be licensed as a nursing home administrator, an
13 individual must submit evidence satisfactory to the board that he
14 or she:

15 (a) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

16 (b) Is of good moral character, including evidence of a
17 criminal background check within the last six (6) months, under



18 Section 43-11-13 and Section G.407.3 of the Minimum Standards for
19 Institutions for the Aged or Infirm;

20 (c) Is in good health;

21 (d) Has satisfied at least one (1) of the following
22 requirements for education and experience:

23 (i) Has sixty-four (64) hours of college work from
24 an accredited institution and has worked in a supervisory capacity
25 in a Mississippi-licensed nursing home for a minimum of two (2)
26 years immediately before making application for the
27 Administrator-in-Training Program established by board rule;

28 (ii) Has an associate degree from an accredited
29 institution and has worked in a supervisory capacity in a
30 Mississippi-licensed nursing home for a minimum of two (2) years
31 immediately before making application for the
32 Administrator-in-Training Program established by board rule;

33 (iii) Has a bachelor's degree in any other field
34 of study from an accredited institution before making application
35 for the Administrator-in-Training Program established by board
36 rule; or

37 (iv) Has a bachelor's degree in health care
38 administration or a health care related field or business from an
39 accredited institution before making application for the
40 Administrator-in-Training Program established by board rule;

41 (e) Has (i) completed a nursing home
42 Administrator-in-Training Program and successfully completed the



43 National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Board (NAB)
44 examination, or (ii) completed an Administrator-in-Training
45 Program in Long-Term Care Administration from an academic
46 institution during which time the institution held National
47 Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Board (NAB) Program
48 Approval through the academic approval process, to the
49 satisfaction of the board;

50 (f) Has successfully passed the National Association of
51 Long-Term Care Administrator Board (NAB) examination and the
52 Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home Administrators examination
53 to test his or her proficiency and basic knowledge in the area of
54 nursing home administration. The board may establish the
55 frequency of the offering of those examinations and the contents
56 thereof; and

57 (g) Has met all of the requirements established by
58 federal law.

59 (2) The board is authorized to conduct a criminal history
60 records check on applicants for licensure. In order to determine
61 the applicant's suitability for licensing, the applicant shall be
62 fingerprinted. The board shall submit the fingerprints to the
63 Department of Public Safety for a check of the state criminal
64 records and forward to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a
65 check of the national criminal records. The Department of Public
66 Safety shall disseminate the results of the state check and the
67 national check to the board for a suitability determination. The



68 applicant shall not be charged any of the costs of requesting and
69 obtaining the state and national criminal history records
70 information on the applicant.

71 (* * *3) Reciprocity shall be extended to individuals
72 holding licenses as nursing home administrators in other states,
73 upon proper application and a finding on the part of the board
74 that:

75 (a) The applicant possesses the basic qualifications
76 listed in this chapter and in the rules and regulations adopted
77 under federal law;

78 (b) The applicant has met all of the requirements
79 established by federal law; and

80 (c) The standards for licensure in the other states are
81 at least the substantial equivalent of those in this state,
82 including education and experience, and the applicant has passed
83 both the National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator
84 Board (NAB) and the state exams.

85 The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
86 military-trained applicant or military spouse shall be subject to
87 the provisions of Section 73-50-1.

88 (* * *4) The board may prescribe appropriate fees for the
89 taking of those examinations and for the issuance of licenses.
90 Those fees shall be not more than the cost of the examinations and
91 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the issuance of a license.
92 However, the fee for an initial license may be prorated in



93 proportion to the period of time from the date of issuance and the
94 date of biennial license renewal prescribed in subsection (4).
95 All licenses issued under this chapter shall be for a maximum
96 period of two (2) years.

97 (* * *5) Except as provided in Section 33-1-39, the board
98 may renew licenses biennially upon the payment of a fee to be
99 established by the board, which shall be not more than Five
100 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), plus any administrative costs for late
101 payment.

102 (* * *6) Any person who is not licensed under this chapter
103 on July 1, 2011, who makes application with the board on or before
104 June 30, 2012, may qualify for a license under this chapter
105 provided that on or before January 31, 2014, he or she
106 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that he or she (a)
107 meets the eligibility requirements for a nursing home
108 administrator's license prescribed in this section as those
109 requirements existed on June 30, 2011; (b) has successfully
110 completed the Administrator-in-Training Program requirements
111 existing on June 30, 2011; and (c) has paid all required fees for
112 licensure.

113 (* * *7) Current licensure by the Department of Mental
114 Health under Section 41-4-7(r) as a mental health/intellectual
115 disability program administrator shall exempt the licensee from
116 the requirement of licensure as a nursing home administrator if
117 the licensee is employed in the state mental health system as



118 Administrator of Intermediate Care Facility or Facilities for
119 Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID) no larger than
120 sixteen (16) beds.

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122 Any member of the Legislature who serves on the Public Health
123 and/or Medicaid Committee who is a licensed administrator shall be
124 exempt from continuous education.

125 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
126 and after July 1, 2021.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-17-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS TO
3 CONDUCT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS ON APPLICANTS FOR
4 LICENSURE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE APPLICANT SHALL NOT BE CHARGED ANY
5 OF THE COSTS OF OBTAINING THAT INFORMATION; TO DELETE THE DATE OF
6 THE REPEALER ON THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING HOME
7 ADMINISTRATORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

