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Introduced by
Senators Nelson: Murphy

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-1602, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE 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 32-1602, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 32-1602. Board of nursing; member terms; immunity

5 A. The state board of nursing is established consisting of eleven
6 members who are appointed by the governor. Six members shall be registered
7 nurses, including at least one registered nurse practitioner, ~~or~~ clinical
8 nurse specialist **OR CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST**. One member shall
9 be a nursing assistant or a nursing assistant educator. Two members shall
10 represent the public and two members shall be licensed practical nurses.
11 Members shall be appointed for a term of five years, to begin and end on
12 June 30.

13 B. On or before May 1 each year and at any other time a vacancy on the
14 board occurs, the governor shall make an appointment or appointments to the
15 board. Appointment to fill a vacancy other than by expiration shall be for
16 the unexpired term. ~~No~~ A person shall **NOT** serve more than two consecutive
17 terms as a member of the board.

18 C. The governor may remove any person from the board for neglect of
19 any duty imposed by law or for incompetency or unprofessional or dishonorable
20 conduct.

21 D. A board member's term automatically ends:

22 1. On the death of the member.

23 2. On the member's written resignation submitted to the board
24 president or to the governor.

25 3. On the member's failure to attend three consecutive board meetings.

26 E. A board member who acts within the scope of board duties, without
27 malice and in the reasonable belief that the member's action is warranted by
28 law is not subject to civil liability.

29 Sec. 2. Retention of members

30 Notwithstanding section 32-1602, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended
31 by this act, all persons serving as members of the Arizona state board of
32 nursing on the effective date of this act may continue to serve until the
33 expiration of their normal terms. The governor shall make all subsequent
34 appointments as prescribed by statute.

35 Sec. 3. Emergency

36 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
37 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
38 law.