

LEGISLATIVE BILL 243

Approved by the Governor March 22, 2005

Introduced by Byars, 30; Price, 26

AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 71-162.02, 71-1796, and 71-17,100, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to create the Nebraska Center for Nursing Fund; to authorize the allocation of fees to the fund; to extend the termination date of an act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 71-162.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

71-162.02. Variable costs of credentialing are the costs that are unique to a specific profession or occupation listed in section 71-162 and include the following:

- (1) Per diems which are paid to members of the appropriate board;
- (2) Operating costs that are specific to a particular profession or occupation, including publications, conference registrations, and subscriptions;
- (3) Costs for travel by members of the appropriate board and employees of the department related to a particular profession or occupation, including car rental, gas, and mileage charges but not salaries; and
- (4) Costs to operate and administer the Nebraska Center for Nursing, which costs shall be derived from credentialing fees of registered and practical nurses in accordance with section 3 of this act; and
- (5) Other reasonable and necessary costs as determined by the appropriate board or the department.

Sec. 2. Section 71-1796, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

71-1796. Sections 71-1796 to 71-17,100 and section 3 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Center for Nursing Act.

Sec. 3. The Board of Nursing shall recommend annually to the Director of Regulation and Licensure the percentage of all nursing fees collected during the year that are to be used to cover the cost of the Nebraska Center for Nursing, except that the percentage shall not be greater than fifteen percent of the biennial revenue derived from the fees.

Sec. 4. Section 71-17,100, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

71-17,100. The Nebraska Center for Nursing Act terminates on July 1, ~~2005~~ 2010.

Sec. 5. Original sections 71-162.02, 71-1796, and 71-17,100, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Sec. 6. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.