

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 7

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

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2 RELATING TO NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1605, IDAHO  
3 CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE AGE REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE;  
4 AND AMENDING SECTION 54-1610, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A TIME LIMIT FOR  
5 ADMINISTRATOR-IN-TRAINING PROGRAMS.

6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 54-1605, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 54-1605. QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXAMINATION FOR LICENSE. (1) The board  
10 shall admit to examination for licensure as a nursing home administrator  
11 any candidate who pays a fee as determined by the board, submits evidence of  
12 good moral character and suitability prescribed by the board, and is at least  
13 ~~twenty-one~~ eighteen (21~~8~~) years old except that no applicant for license as a  
14 nursing home administrator shall be admitted to such licensing examination  
15 nor shall such applicant be entitled to or be granted a license as a nursing  
16 home administrator unless such applicant shall submit written evidence, on  
17 forms provided for such purpose by the board, that he has successfully com-  
18 pleted a course of study for a baccalaureate degree and has been awarded such  
19 degree from an accredited institution of higher learning or its equivalent  
20 as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

21 (2) Additionally, the applicant shall have completed an administrator-  
22 in-training program as described in section 54-1610, Idaho Code.

23 (3) A candidate who applies for examination under and pursuant to sub-  
24 section (1) of this section, in lieu of the educational requirements pro-  
25 vided for therein, may submit evidence satisfactory to the board that such  
26 applicant has obtained two (2) years of satisfactory practical experience  
27 in management in a health care facility for each year of required post-high  
28 school education.

29 SECTION 2. That Section 54-1610, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
30 amended to read as follows:

31 54-1610. ADMINISTRATORS-IN-TRAINING -- EXAMINATION AFTER ONE THOU-  
32 SAND HOURS -- REPORTS -- EXCEPTIONS. (1) Every applicant for a nursing home  
33 administrator license who shall have otherwise qualified under the provi-  
34 sions of section 54-1605, Idaho Code, except as provided for in this section,  
35 shall serve for one thousand (1,000) hours under the direct supervision of a  
36 duly licensed nursing home administrator in accordance with the rules of the  
37 board. At the expiration of the one thousand (1,000) hour training period,  
38 the applicant shall be eligible to take the examination. An administra-  
39 tor-in-training program shall not exceed a period of two (2) years, except as  
40 approved by the board for good cause.

1           (2) The nursing home administrator-in-training shall submit reports on  
2 forms provided therefor by the board.

3           (3) This section shall not apply to any individual who has successfully  
4 completed a course of study for a master's degree in health administration  
5 related to long-term care, or who has successfully completed a course of  
6 study for a master's degree in health administration and has one (1) year  
7 management experience in long-term care and who has been awarded such degree  
8 from an accredited institution of higher learning.

9           (4) Every nursing home administrator-in-training shall register the  
10 fact of such training with the board in accordance with the rules and on forms  
11 provided by the board.

12           (5) An applicant may begin the one thousand (1,000) hour training pe-  
13 riod as a nursing home administrator-in-training prior to completion of a  
14 baccalaureate degree.