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## OHIO BOARD OF NURSING

- Eliminates the requirement that the Board of Nursing's Executive Director be a registered nurse with at least five years' experience in the practice of nursing.
- Permits an individual to practice nursing at a free-of-charge therapeutic camp located in Ohio without holding a license issued by the Board of Nursing, if the individual is authorized to practice nursing in another state and volunteers at the camp.
- Permits an applicant for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse to meet educational requirements by successfully completing a practical nurse education program approved by the U.S. Air Force.

### Executive Director

(R.C. 4723.05)

Beginning January 21, 2018, the act eliminates the requirement that the Board of Nursing's Executive Director be a registered nurse of this state with at least five years of experience in the practice of nursing as a registered nurse.

### Therapeutic recreation camps – out-of-state nurses

(R.C. 4723.32)

In order to practice nursing in Ohio, an individual must hold a current, valid license issued by the Board of Nursing.<sup>136</sup> Continuing law permits a nurse authorized to practice in another jurisdiction to engage in the practice of nursing or perform nursing-related activities in Ohio without a Board-issued license if specified conditions are met. To the list of activities that may be performed without a license, the act adds the provision of nursing care at a free-of-charge camp accredited by the SeriousFun Children's Network for individuals with chronic diseases. For a nurse to be eligible for this exemption, the nurse must:

(1) Provide documentation to the camp's medical director that the nurse holds a current, valid license to practice nursing from another state;

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<sup>136</sup> R.C. 4723.03 and 4723.44, not in the act.



(2) Provide nursing care only at the camp or in connection with camp events or activities occurring off camp grounds;

(3) Provide nursing services without compensation; and

(4) Provide nursing care within Ohio for not more than 30 days per calendar year.

In addition, the free-of-charge camp must have a medical director who is authorized to practice medicine in Ohio.

### **LPN licensure – educational requirements**

(R.C. 4723.09)

The act allows an applicant for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) to meet educational requirements by successfully completing a practical nurse education program approved by the U.S. Air Force as either of the following: (1) the community college of the Air Force associate degree in practical nursing technology or (2) the Allied Health Program, for students who graduated the program before 2016. This is an alternative to completing a nursing education program approved by either the Board of Nursing or a board that is a member of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, or a practical nurse course offered or approved by the U.S. Army, as permitted by continuing law.

