

Suspending limitations on conference committee jurisdiction, S.B. No. 993 (Nelson/McReynolds)

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th
2 Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, That Senate Rule 12.03 be
3 suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the
4 conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate
5 Bill 993 (nursing peer review and the regulation of the practice of
6 nursing) to consider and take action on the following matters:

7 Senate Rules 12.03(3) and (4) are suspended to permit the
8 committee to add new text to Section 301.355(a), Occupations Code,
9 to read as follows:

10 (a) The president of a medical and dental unit, as defined
11 by Section 61.003, Education Code, shall determine whether a nurse
12 who is employed by the unit for practice in patient care or in
13 clinical activities is a full-time employee for purposes of:

14 (1) employees group benefits under Chapter 1551 or
15 1601, Insurance Code;

16 (2) leave under Chapter 661 or 662, Government Code;
17 and

18 (3) longevity pay under Section 659.043, Government
19 Code.

20 Explanation: The change is necessary to require the president
21 of a medical or dental unit to determine whether certain nurses are
22 full-time employees for purposes of employees group benefits under
23 Chapter 1601, Insurance Code, and leave under Chapter 662,
24 Government Code.