

Amend CSHB 2667 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering the ARTICLES of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE _____. NURSES

SECTION _____.001. Subchapter F, Chapter 301, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 301.262 to read as follows:

Sec. 301.262. EXPEDITED LICENSING PROCESS FOR OUT-OF-STATE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES. (a) The board by rule shall create an expedited licensing process for an applicant who holds a license or other authorization in good standing to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse issued by another state.

(b) The board may establish a fee in an amount sufficient to cover the cost of the expedited licensing process.

(c) The 180-day deadline and extension provisions under Section 301.260(c) do not apply to the expedited licensing process required under this section.

SECTION _____.002. The Texas Board of Nursing shall create and implement the expedited licensing process under Section 301.262, Occupations Code, as added by this article, not later than January 1, 2020.