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S.B. No. 1708

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the entitlement of certain military veterans to obtain
3 a nursing license by examination.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 301.253, Occupations Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

7 (h) A military veteran as defined by Section 55.001 who
8 served as a nurse in any branch of the armed forces of the United
9 States is entitled to take the examination prescribed by the board
10 one time without having to prove completion of a program of
11 professional or vocational nursing education under Section
12 301.157. The board shall waive the requirement that the person
13 complete a program of nursing education as a prerequisite to
14 obtaining a license if the person obtains a passing score on the
15 examination.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.