



## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 924

March 14, 2002 - Introduced by Representatives JOHNSRUD, J. LEHMAN, LOEFFELHOLZ, URBAN, HINES, BIES and KEDZIE, cosponsored by Senator MOEN. Referred to Committee on Health.

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 456.04 (4); *to renumber and amend* 15.405 (7m); *to amend*  
2           15.08 (1m) (b), 46.21 (1m) (am), 50.04 (2) (a), 59.79 (10), chapter 456 (title),  
3           456.01 (1), 456.01 (4), 456.01 (5), 456.02 (1), 456.02 (4), 456.02 (5), 456.02 (6),  
4           456.03, 456.04 (intro.), 456.05 (intro.), 456.05 (1), 456.05 (2), 456.05 (3), 456.07  
5           (1), 456.07 (2), 456.07 (3), 456.07 (4), 456.08, 456.09 (1) (b), 456.09 (1) (c), 456.09  
6           (1) (d), 456.09 (1) (e), 456.10 (1) (intro.), 456.10 (1) (bm), 456.10 (1) (c), 456.10  
7           (1) (d) and 456.10 (2); and *to create* 14.405 (7m) (c), 15.405 (7m) (a) 2., 440.08  
8           (2) (a) 38k., 456.01 (1g), 456.01 (1r), 456.01 (3m), 456.01 (5m), 456.04 (5), 456.04  
9           (6), 456.05 (4), 456.07 (2m), 456.07 (6), 456.072, 456.078 and 456.12 of the  
10          statutes; **relating to:** licensing hospital administrators and granting  
11          rule-making authority.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a person may not practice as a nursing home administrator, or use such a title, unless he or she is granted a license by the nursing home administrator examining board (board). To obtain a license, a person must pass an examination regarding the laws governing long-term care facilities, the

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administration of such facilities, and the needs of persons served by the facilities. A person may not take the examination unless he or she satisfies educational requirements that the board considers are adequate preparation for nursing home administration. In addition, a person may not take the examination if he or she has an arrest or conviction record the circumstances of which substantially relate to nursing home administration.

Also under current law, a nursing home administrator license expires on July 1 of each even-numbered year, unless the license is renewed. To renew a license, a person must apply to the board for a certificate of registration. In addition, the board may take disciplinary action against a person who is licensed, including suspending or revoking a license, if he or she engages in specified prohibited conduct. For example, the board may take disciplinary action if a person is incompetent or acts in a manner inconsistent with the health and safety of the residents of a nursing home, or if the nursing home that he or she administers has a pattern of serious violations of federal or state laws.

This bill requires the board to also grant licenses to hospital administrators and changes the name of the board to the hospital and nursing home administrator examining board. Under the bill, except for a hospital administrator employed by the federal government, a person may not practice as a hospital administrator, or use such a title, unless he or she is licensed as a hospital administrator by the board. The requirements for obtaining and renewing a hospital administrator license are similar to the requirements for a nursing home administrator license. For example, a person must pass an examination regarding the laws governing hospitals, the administration of hospitals, and the needs of patients served by hospitals. In addition, the bill requires both the hospital and nursing home administrator examinations to test knowledge of federal and state health care reimbursement programs.

The bill also imposes similar requirements that a person must satisfy to take the hospital administrator examination. Like the nursing home administrator examination, a person may not take the hospital administrator examination if he or she has an arrest or conviction record the circumstances of which substantially relate to hospital administration. In addition, a person may not take the hospital administrator examination unless he or she has received a bachelor's degree in administration of health care facilities or programs or has completed an educational program that the board determines is substantially equivalent to receiving such a degree. For a limited time, the board must waive this educational requirement for a person who is primarily employed as a hospital administrator on the effective date of the bill. Until five years after the bill goes into effect, such a person may take the examination even if he or she does not satisfy the educational requirement. However, when a person who receives a waiver applies to renew his or her license that expires on July 1, 2008, the person must submit evidence that he or she satisfies the educational requirement. If the person does not satisfy the educational requirement by that date, his or her license may not be renewed, and he or she may not continue to practice as a hospital administrator.

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Also, the bill changes the educational requirements for a nursing home administrator license. Under the bill, a person may not take the examination for that license unless he or she has received a bachelor's degree in nursing home administration or has completed an educational program that the board determines is substantially equivalent to receiving such a degree.

In addition, the bill makes the following changes:

1. The bill requires a person who applies to renew a hospital administrator license to submit evidence that he or she completed at least 24 hours of continuing education during the preceding two-year period. Although current law requires a nursing home administrator to complete continuing education requirements, current law does not specify a minimum number of hours.

2. The bill requires the board to promulgate rules establishing a code of ethics governing the professional conduct of hospital and nursing home administrators. The rules may establish separate codes for each profession.

3. The bill allows the board to grant hospital administrator licenses to persons licensed as hospital administrators in other states. The board has similar authority under current law with respect to nursing home administrator licenses.

4. The board's authority to take disciplinary action is expanded so that the board may also take such action against persons licensed as hospital administrators. Therefore, for example, the board may take disciplinary action if a hospital administrator is incompetent or acts in a manner inconsistent with the health and safety of the patients in a hospital, or if the hospital that he or she administers has a pattern of serious violations of federal or state laws.

5. The bill changes the membership of the board, which consists of the following members under current law: five nursing home administrators, two public members, one physician, one nurse, and, as a nonvoting member, the secretary of health and family services or his or her designee. This bill eliminates two of the nursing home administrators and replaces them with three hospital administrators. In addition, the bill adds another nurse member to the board and requires one of the nurse members to be employed in a nursing home and the other nurse member to be employed in a hospital.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

- 1           **SECTION 1.** 14.405 (7m) (c) of the statutes is created to read:
- 2           14.405 (**7m**) (c) One of the members appointed under par. (a) 4. must be
- 3 employed in a nursing home and the other member appointed under par. (a) 4. must
- 4 be employed in a hospital.

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1           **SECTION 2.** 15.08 (1m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           15.08 **(1m)** (b) The public members of the chiropractic examining board, the  
3 dentistry examining board, the hearing and speech examining board, the medical  
4 examining board, the respiratory care practitioners examining council ~~and, the~~  
5 council on physician assistants, the board of nursing, the hospital and nursing home  
6 administrator examining board, the veterinary examining board, the optometry  
7 examining board, the pharmacy examining board, the examining board of social  
8 workers, marriage and family therapists and professional counselors, and the  
9 psychology examining board shall not be engaged in any profession or occupation  
10 concerned with the delivery of physical or mental health care.

11           **SECTION 3.** 15.405 (7m) of the statutes is renumbered 15.405 (7m) (a) (intro.)  
12 and amended to read:

13           15.405 **(7m)** (a) (intro.) ~~NURSING~~ HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR  
14 EXAMINING BOARD. There is created a hospital and nursing home administrator  
15 examining board in the department of regulation and licensing consisting of 9  
16 ~~members appointed for staggered 4-year terms and the secretary of health and~~  
17 family services or a designee, who shall serve as a nonvoting member. ~~Five, and the~~  
18 following members appointed for 4-year terms:

19           1. Three members shall be who are nursing home administrators licensed in  
20 this state under ch. 456.

21           3. One member shall be who is a physician. ~~One member shall be a nurse~~

22           4. Two members who are nurses licensed under ch. 441.

23           5. Two public members shall be public members.

24           **(b)** No more than 2 members appointed under par. (a) 1. to 5. may be officials  
25 or full-time employees of this state.

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1           **SECTION 4.** 15.405 (7m) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

2           15.405 **(7m)** (a) 2. Three members who are hospital administrators licensed  
3 under ch. 456.

4           **SECTION 5.** 46.21 (1m) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

5           46.21 **(1m)** (am) The county executive shall appoint under ss. 63.01 to 63.17  
6 an administrator of the county hospital. The appointment shall be made on the basis  
7 of recognized and demonstrated public interest in and knowledge of the problems of  
8 delivery of medical care and treatment, and with due regard to training, experience,  
9 executive and administrative ability and efficiency, and general qualifications and  
10 fitness for performing the duties of the office. An administrator may not be appointed  
11 under this paragraph unless he or she is licensed as a hospital administrator under  
12 ch. 456. The administrator shall file an official oath and bond in the amount  
13 determined by the county board of supervisors. The county board of supervisors may  
14 create positions to assist the administrator. The administrator shall be appointed  
15 by the county executive in the unclassified civil service, and the appointment is  
16 subject to confirmation by the county board of supervisors under s. 59.17 (2) (bm).

17           **SECTION 6.** 50.04 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

18           50.04 **(2)** (a) No nursing home within the state may operate except under the  
19 supervision of an administrator licensed under ch. 456 by the hospital and nursing  
20 home administrators administrator examining board. If the holder of a nursing  
21 home license is unable to secure a new administrator because of the departure of an  
22 administrator, such license holder may, upon written notice to the department and  
23 upon the showing of a good faith effort to secure a licensed administrator, place the  
24 nursing home in the charge of an unlicensed individual subject to conditions and  
25 time limitations established by the department, with advice from the hospital and

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1 nursing home administrator examining board. An unlicensed individual who  
2 administers a nursing home as authorized under this subsection is not subject to the  
3 penalty provided under s. 456.09.

4 **SECTION 7.** 59.79 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 59.79 (10) COUNTY HOSPITAL. Determine policy for the operation, maintenance,  
6 and improvement of the county hospital under s. 49.71 (2) and, notwithstanding the  
7 powers and duties specified under s. 46.21 (2) (k), (3r), and (6) with respect to the  
8 county hospital and the administrator and specified under s. 46.21 (2) (b), (L), (m),  
9 (n), (nm), (o), (p), and (q) and (3g), provide for the management of the county hospital  
10 as the board considers appropriate, except that the employee positions at the  
11 hospital will be county employee positions and except that the board may not employ  
12 a person as a hospital administrator unless he or she is licensed as such under ch.  
13 456. If the board acts under this subsection, the board may not discontinue  
14 operation, maintenance, and improvement of the county hospital under s. 49.71 (2)  
15 and shall exercise the duties under s. 46.21 (4m). This subsection does not apply if  
16 the board acts under s. 46.21 with respect to the county hospital under s. 49.71 (2).

17 **SECTION 8.** 440.08 (2) (a) 38k. of the statutes is created to read:

18 440.08 (2) (a) 38k. Hospital administrator: July 1 of each even-numbered year;  
19 \$53.

20 **SECTION 9.** Chapter 456 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 **CHAPTER 456**

22 **HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME**

23 **ADMINISTRATOR EXAMINING BOARD**

24 **SECTION 10.** 456.01 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           456.01 (1) “Examining board” means the hospital and nursing home  
2 administrator examining board.

3           **SECTION 11.** 456.01 (1g) of the statutes is created to read:

4           456.01 (1g) “Hospital” has the meaning given in s. 50.33 (2).

5           **SECTION 12.** 456.01 (1r) of the statutes is created to read:

6           456.01 (1r) “Hospital administrator” means any individual responsible for  
7 planning, organizing, directing, and controlling the operation of a hospital, or who  
8 in fact performs such functions, whether or not such functions are shared by one or  
9 more other persons.

10          **SECTION 13.** 456.01 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

11          456.01 (3m) “Practice of hospital administration” means the planning,  
12 organizing, directing, and controlling of the operation of a hospital.

13          **SECTION 14.** 456.01 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

14          456.01 (4) “Practice of nursing home administration” means the planning,  
15 organizing, directing, and ~~control~~ controlling of the operation of a nursing home.

16          **SECTION 15.** 456.01 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

17          456.01 (5) “Provisional license” is a temporary license issued to a provisional  
18 hospital or nursing home administrator under this chapter.

19          **SECTION 16.** 456.01 (5m) of the statutes is created to read:

20          456.01 (5m) “Provisional hospital administrator” means an individual who has  
21 been licensed as such under this chapter.

22          **SECTION 17.** 456.02 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

23          456.02 (1) Develop, impose, and enforce standards which must be met by  
24 individuals ~~in order~~ to receive a license as a hospital or nursing home administrator,  
25 which standards shall be designed to insure that hospital or nursing home

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1 administrators will be individuals who are of good character and are otherwise  
2 suitable, and who, by training or experience in the field of institutional  
3 administration, are qualified to serve as hospital or nursing home administrators;

4 **SECTION 18.** 456.02 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 456.02 (4) Establish and carry out procedures designed to insure that  
6 individuals licensed as hospital or nursing home administrators will, during any  
7 period that they serve as such, comply with the requirements of such standards;

8 **SECTION 19.** 456.02 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 456.02 (5) Subject to the rules promulgated under s. 440.03 (1), receive,  
10 investigate, and take appropriate action with respect to, any charge or complaint  
11 filed with the examining board to the effect that any individual licensed as a hospital  
12 or nursing home administrator has failed to comply with the requirements of such  
13 standards;

14 **SECTION 20.** 456.02 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 456.02 (6) In cooperation with other agencies and appropriate organizations,  
16 conduct a continuing study of the practice of hospital and nursing home  
17 administration within the state with a view to the improvement of the standards  
18 imposed for the licensing of such administrators and of procedures and methods for  
19 the enforcement of such standards with respect to administrators of hospitals or  
20 nursing homes who have been licensed as such;

21 **SECTION 21.** 456.03 of the statutes is amended to read:

22 **456.03 Licenses.** An applicant for a license as a hospital or nursing home  
23 administrator who has successfully complied with the requirements for licensure  
24 under this chapter and passed the examination shall be granted a license by the  
25 examining board, certifying that the applicant, depending on the license granted,



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1 has met the requirements of the laws and rules entitling the applicant to serve, act,  
2 practice, and otherwise hold himself or herself out as a duly licensed hospital or  
3 nursing home administrator.

4 **SECTION 22.** 456.04 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 **456.04 Examination requirements.** (intro.) The examining board shall  
6 allow any person to take the examination for licensure as a hospital or nursing home  
7 administrator who satisfies all of the following requirements:

8 **SECTION 23.** 456.04 (4) of the statutes is repealed.

9 **SECTION 24.** 456.04 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

10 456.04 (5) For licensure as a nursing home administrator, received a bachelor's  
11 degree in nursing home administration or has completed an educational program  
12 that the examining board determines is substantially equivalent to receiving a  
13 bachelor's degree in nursing home administration.

14 **SECTION 25.** 456.04 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

15 456.04 (6) Except as provided in s. 456.072 (1), for licensure as a hospital  
16 administrator, received a bachelor's degree in administration of health care facilities  
17 or programs or has completed an educational program that the examining board  
18 determines is substantially equivalent to receiving a bachelor's degree in  
19 administration of health care facilities or programs.

20 **SECTION 26.** 456.05 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 **456.05 Examinations.** (intro.) The examining board shall determine the  
22 subjects of examination for applicants for licensure as hospital or nursing home  
23 administrators, and the scope, content, and format of such examinations. ~~The~~  
24 Depending on the license applied for, the examinations shall include examination of  
25 the applicant's knowledge of each of the following:

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1           **SECTION 27.** 456.05 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           456.05 (1) The laws governing the operation of hospitals or long-term care  
3 facilities and the protection of the interests, safety, and well-being of the patients or  
4 residents therein; ~~and.~~

5           **SECTION 28.** 456.05 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           456.05 (2) The elements of proper and effective administration of hospitals or  
7 long-term care facilities; ~~and.~~

8           **SECTION 29.** 456.05 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           456.05 (3) The psychological, physical, medical, and social needs of persons  
10 served in such hospitals or long-term care facilities.

11           **SECTION 30.** 456.05 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

12           456.05 (4) The requirements and procedures of federal and state health care  
13 reimbursement programs.

14           **SECTION 31.** 456.07 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           456.07 (1) Every individual who holds a license as a hospital or nursing home  
16 administrator issued by the department shall biennially apply to the examining  
17 board for a new certificate of registration and report any facts requested by the  
18 examining board on forms provided for such purpose.

19           **SECTION 32.** 456.07 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

20           456.07 (2) The application for a new certificate of registration shall include the  
21 applicable renewal fee specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a) and, except as provided in sub.  
22 (2m) and s. 456.072 (2), evidence satisfactory to the examining board that during the  
23 biennial period immediately preceding application for registration the applicant has  
24 attended a ~~continuation~~ continuing education program or course of study. During  
25 the time between initial licensure and commencement of a full 2-year licensure

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1 period new licensees shall not be required to meet continuing education  
2 requirements. All registration fees are payable on or before the applicable renewal  
3 date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a).

4 **SECTION 33.** 456.07 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

5 456.07 (2m) The examining board may not issue a certificate of registration  
6 under sub. (3) to an applicant for renewal of a hospital administrator license unless  
7 the applicant submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that he or she has  
8 completed at least 24 hours of continuing education programs or courses of study  
9 during the biennial period immediately preceding the application.

10 **SECTION 34.** 456.07 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 456.07 (3) Upon approval of an application for registration the examining  
12 board shall issue a certificate of registration to the hospital or nursing home  
13 administrator.

14 **SECTION 35.** 456.07 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 456.07 (4) The license of a hospital or nursing home administrator who fails  
16 to comply with this section, and who continues to act as a hospital or nursing home  
17 administrator, may be suspended or revoked by the examining board.

18 **SECTION 36.** 456.07 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

19 456.07 (6) Except as provided in s. 456.12, only an individual who has qualified  
20 as a licensed and registered hospital administrator under this chapter and who holds  
21 a valid current registration certificate under this section for the current registration  
22 period may use the title "Hospital Administrator" and the abbreviation "H.A." after  
23 the person's name. No other person may use or be designated by such title or such  
24 abbreviation or any other words, letters, sign, card, or device tending to or intended  
25 to indicate that the person is a licensed and registered hospital administrator.

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1           **SECTION 37.** 456.072 of the statutes is created to read:

2           **456.072 Educational waiver for hospital administrators.** (1) If a person  
3 takes the examination for licensure as a hospital administrator before the first day  
4 of the 60th month beginning after the effective date of this subsection .... [revisor  
5 inserts date], the examining board shall waive the requirement under s. 456.04 (6)  
6 if the person submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that, on the  
7 effective date of this subsection .... [revisor inserts date], the person was primarily  
8 employed as a hospital administrator.

9           (2) The examining board may not renew a hospital administrator license that  
10 expires on July 1, 2008, of a person who receives a waiver under sub. (1) unless that  
11 person submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board, in addition to the  
12 evidence specified in s. 456.07 (2), that the person has received a bachelor's degree  
13 in administration of health care facilities or programs or has completed an  
14 educational program that the examining board determines is substantially  
15 equivalent to receiving a bachelor's degree in administration of health care facilities  
16 or programs.

17           **SECTION 38.** 456.078 of the statutes is created to read:

18           **456.078 Code of ethics.** The examining board shall promulgate rules  
19 establishing a code of ethics to govern the professional conduct of hospital and  
20 nursing home administrators. The rules may establish separate codes for hospital  
21 and nursing home administrators.

22           **SECTION 39.** 456.08 of the statutes is amended to read:

23           **456.08 Reciprocity.** The examining board may grant a hospital or nursing  
24 home administrator license under this chapter to a person who holds a hospital or  
25 nursing home administrator license issued by the proper authorities of any other

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1 state, upon payment of the fee specified in s. 440.05 (2) and upon submission of  
2 satisfactory evidence of the person's qualifications.

3 **SECTION 40.** 456.09 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 456.09 (1) (b) Practice as a hospital or nursing home administrator, under cover  
5 of any license or registration illegally or fraudulently obtained or unlawfully issued;  
6 or

7 **SECTION 41.** 456.09 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 456.09 (1) (c) ~~Practice~~ Except as provided in s. 456.12, practice as a hospital or  
9 nursing home administrator or use in connection with his or her name any  
10 designation tending to imply that the person is a hospital or nursing home  
11 administrator unless duly licensed and registered to so practice under this chapter;  
12 or

13 **SECTION 42.** 456.09 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 456.09 (1) (d) Practice as a hospital or nursing home administrator during the  
15 time his or her license or registration issued under this chapter is suspended or  
16 revoked; or

17 **SECTION 43.** 456.09 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 456.09 (1) (e) Otherwise violate this chapter or a rule promulgated under this  
19 chapter.

20 **SECTION 44.** 456.10 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 456.10 (1) (intro.) Subject to the rules promulgated under s. 440.03 (1), the  
22 examining board may, under sub. (2), revoke, limit, or suspend the license or  
23 registration of any person practicing or offering to practice hospital or nursing home  
24 administration or may reprimand, censure, or otherwise discipline a licensee under  
25 this section if any of the following is applicable:

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1           **SECTION 45.** 456.10 (1) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           456.10 (1) (bm) Proof is submitted that the licensee has wilfully willfully or  
3 repeatedly acted in a manner inconsistent with the health and safety of the patients  
4 or residents of the hospital or nursing home in which the licensee is the  
5 administrator.

6           **SECTION 46.** 456.10 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           456.10 (1) (c) Proof is submitted that the licensee is guilty of fraud or deceit in  
8 his or her admission to the practice of hospital or nursing home administration.

9           **SECTION 47.** 456.10 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

10           456.10 (1) (d) Proof is submitted that while the licensee was the administrator  
11 of a hospital or nursing home, that hospital or nursing home engaged in conduct that  
12 constituted a pattern of serious violations of federal or state statutes, rules, or  
13 regulations.

14           **SECTION 48.** 456.10 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           456.10 (2) The examining board shall have jurisdiction to hear all charges  
16 brought under this section against persons licensed and registered as hospital or  
17 nursing home administrators or licensed as provisional hospital or nursing home  
18 administrators and upon such hearings shall determine such charges upon their  
19 merits. If the examining board determines that such person is guilty of the charges,  
20 the license or registration may be revoked or suspended or the licensee may be  
21 reprimanded, censured, or disciplined.

22           **SECTION 49.** 456.12 of the statutes is created to read:

23           **456.12 Exemption.** This chapter does not apply to a person employed as a  
24 hospital administrator by the federal government.

25           **SECTION 50. Nonstatutory provisions.**

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1           (1) DEFINITION. In this section, "board" means the hospital and nursing home  
2 administrator examining board.

3           (2) HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR BOARD MEMBERS.

4           (a) Notwithstanding section 17.07 (3) of the statutes, the governor shall, no  
5 later than the first day of the 4th month beginning after the effective date of this  
6 paragraph, designate for removal from the board 2 of the nursing home  
7 administrator members whose terms otherwise expire on July 1, 2006, and the terms  
8 of the 2 members who are so designated shall expire on the first day of the 7th month  
9 beginning after the effective date of this paragraph.

10           (b) Notwithstanding section 15.405 (7m) (a) of the statutes, as affected by this  
11 act, the initial hospital administrator members of the board shall be appointed by the  
12 first day of the 7th month beginning after the effective date of this paragraph for the  
13 following terms:

14           1. One member for a term expiring on July 1, 2005.

15           2. One member for a term expiring on July 1, 2006.

16           3. One member for a term expiring on July 1, 2007.

17           (c) Notwithstanding section 15.405 (7m) (a) 2. of the statutes, as created by this  
18 act, an initial hospital administrator member of the board appointed under  
19 paragraph (b) is not required to be licensed as a hospital administrator under chapter  
20 456 of the statutes if the individual was, at the time of appointment, primarily  
21 employed as a hospital administrator, as defined in section 456.01 (1r) of the  
22 statutes, as created by this act.

23           (3) NURSE MEMBERS OF BOARD.

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1 (a) Notwithstanding section 15.405 (7m) (a), of the statutes, as affected by this  
2 act, the term of the nurse member of the board appointed under section 15.405 (7m)  
3 of the statutes shall expire on the effective date of this paragraph.

4 (b) Notwithstanding section 15.405 (7m) (a) of the statutes, as affected by this  
5 act, the nurse members of the board shall be appointed by the first day of the 7th  
6 month beginning after the effective date of this paragraph for the following terms:

- 7 1. One member for a term expiring on July 1, 2005.
- 8 2. One member for a term expiring on July 1, 2006.

9 (c) Notwithstanding section 15.08 (1) of the statutes, if the governor appoints  
10 as a nurse member of the board under paragraph (b) the same individual whose  
11 membership expired under paragraph (a), the expired term and the term specified  
12 under par. (b) shall be considered one term for purposes of the prohibition on not  
13 serving more than 2 terms that is specified in section 15.08 (1) of the statutes.

14 **SECTION 51. Initial applicability.**

15 (1) The treatment of sections 456.04 (4), (5), and (6) and 456.05 (4) of the  
16 statutes first applies to examinations for which an application to take the  
17 examination is received on the effective date of this subsection.

18 **SECTION 52. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the first day of the 7th  
19 month beginning after publication, except as follows:

- 20 (1) SECTION 50 of this act takes effect on the day after publication.

21 (END)