**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40-35-40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR LICENSES, TO PROVIDE THAT SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ONLY THE SOUTH CAROLINA EXAMINATION IS A REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-35-45, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT A PERSON MUST PASS THE NATIONAL PORTION OF THE LICENSURE EXAMINATION TO TRANSFER A LICENSE FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTION; AND TO CLARIFY THAT THE NATIONAL EXAMINATION FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS IS NOT A QUALIFICATION OR REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE, INCLUDING TRANSFER OF LICENSES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF LONG TERM HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATORS MAY NOT ADMINISTER THE TEST.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 40-35-40(A)(5) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(5) has successfully completed the ~~nursing home administrators’ examination~~ state examination for nursing home administrators administered by the board. The national examination for nursing home administrators is not a qualification or requirement for licensure, including transfers, as a nursing home administrator. The Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators may not administer the national exam as part of the licensing process, including license transfers; and”

SECTION 2. Section 40-35-45(F) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(F) The board may issue a nursing home administrator’s license or a community residential care facility administrator’s license to a person who holds a current license as a nursing home administrator or community residential care facility administrator from another jurisdiction if the board finds that the standards for licensure in the other jurisdiction are at least the substantial equivalent of those in this State and if the applicant has passed the ~~national and~~ South Carolina portions of the licensure examination and is otherwise qualified.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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