

**Consideration of Proposed Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §217.9,
Pertaining to *Inactive and Retired Status***

Background: The proposed amendments, attached as Attachment “A”, eliminate the requirement that a nurse completing a refresher course, extensive orientation, or a program of study (in order to re-activate his/her license) must also complete the Board’s nursing jurisprudence prep course, jurisprudence and ethics workshop, or nursing jurisprudence and ethics course. The nurse’s refresher course, extensive orientation, or program of study should include adequate focus on nursing jurisprudence and ethics, making the existing requirement unduly redundant. Further, because the nurse will still be required to successfully pass the Board’s nursing jurisprudence exam, the public can be adequately assured that the nurse has successfully mastered the content.

Board Action: Move to approve the proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code §217.9, pertaining to *Inactive and Retired Status*, as set out in Attachment “A”, with authority for the General Counsel to make editorial changes as necessary to clarify rule and Board intent and to comply with the formatting requirements of the *Texas Register*. If no negative comments and no request for a public hearing are received, move to adopt the proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code §217.9, pertaining to *Inactive and Retired Status*, as proposed.

Attachment "A"

§217.9. *Inactive and Retired Status.*

(a) – (f) (No change.)

(g) A nurse who has not practiced nursing and whose license has been in an inactive status for four or more years must submit to the Board:

(1) – (3) (No change.)

~~[(4) a successful course completion form from one of the following:]~~

~~[(A) the online Texas Board of Nursing Jurisprudence Prep Course;]~~

~~[(B) the Texas Board of Nursing Jurisprudence and Ethics Workshop;~~

~~or]~~

~~[(C) a Texas Board of Nursing approved Nursing Jurisprudence and Ethics course;]~~

(4)~~[(5)]~~ a certificate of successful completion from the Texas Nursing Jurisprudence Exam; and

(5)~~[(6)]~~ the required reactivation fee, plus the current licensure fee, which are non-refundable.

(h) (No change.)

(i) A nurse whose license has been in an inactive status for four years or more and who is licensed and has practiced in another state during the previous four years preceding the application for reactivation in Texas must comply with the requirements of subsection (g)(1) and (3) – (5)~~[(6)]~~ of this section.