

**Consideration of Proposed Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §217.6,
Pertaining to *Failure to Renew License***

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 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 §217.6, pertaining to *Failure to Renew License*, 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 §217.6, pertaining to *Failure to Renew License*, as proposed.

Attachment "A"

§217.6. *Failure to Renew License.*

(a) (No change.)

(b) A nurse who is not practicing nursing and who fails to maintain a current license from any licensing authority for four or more years will be required to:

(1) – (2) (No change.)

~~[(3) submit to the Board a 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;]~~

(3)~~[(4)]~~ submit to the Board a certificate of completion from the Texas Nursing Jurisprudence Exam;

(4)~~[(5)]~~ submit to the Board a completed reactivation application;

(5)~~[(6)]~~ submit to the Board the current, non-refundable licensure fee, plus a late fee and any applicable fines which are not refundable; and

(6)~~[(7)]~~ submit to the Board evidence of completion of 20 contact hours of acceptable continuing education for the two years immediately preceding the application for reactivation that meets the requirements of Chapter 216 of this title.

(c) – (j) (No change.)