

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

**SESSION LAW 2003-29  
SENATE BILL 244**

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF NURSING TO  
RECOGNIZE RETIRED NURSES BY SPECIAL LICENSURE STATUS AND TO  
ESTABLISH A FEE FOR THIS STATUS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 9A of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 90-171.36A. Retired nurse status; reinstatement.**

(a) After a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse has retired, upon payment of the one-time fee required by G.S. 90-171.27(b), the Board may issue a special license to a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse in recognition of the nurse's retired status.

(b) If a retired registered nurse or licensed practical nurse wishes to return to the practice of nursing, the retired nurse shall apply for reinstatement on a form provided by the Board and satisfy any requirements the Board deems necessary to reinstate the license."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 90-171.27(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) The schedule of fees shall not exceed the following rates:

Application for examination leading to certificate and license as registered nurse .....	\$75.00
Application for certificate and license as registered nurse by endorsement .....	150.00
Application for each re-examination leading to certificate and license as registered nurse .....	75.00
Renewal of license to practice as registered nurse(two-year period) .....	100.00
Reinstatement of lapsed license to practice as a registered nurse and renewal fee .....	180.00
Application for examination leading to certificate and license as licensed practical nurse by examination .....	75.00
Application for certificate and license as licensed practical nurse by endorsement .....	150.00
Application for each re-examination leading to certificate and license as licensed practical nurse .....	75.00
Renewal of license to practice as a licensed practical nurse (two-year period) .....	100.00
Reinstatement of lapsed license to practice as a licensed practical nurse and renewal fee .....	180.00
<u>Application fee for retired registered nurse status or retired licensed practical nurse status .....</u>	<u>50.00</u>
<u>Reinstatement of retired registered nurse to practice as a registered nurse or a retired licensed practical nurse to practice as a licensed practical nurse (two-year period)...</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Reasonable charge for duplication services and materials.

A fee for an item listed in this schedule shall not increase from one year to the next by more than twenty percent (20%)."

**SECTION 3.** The Board shall initially charge a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) application fee for retired registered nurse status or retired licensed practical nurse status. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Board from amending the fee pursuant to Chapter 150B of the General Statutes.

**SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved 10:20 a.m. this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003