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MEMORANDUM

TO: Amy Demboski
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

FROM: April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor 
465.4081

DATE: November 12, 2020

RE: Filed Emergency Regulations: Board of Nursing

Board of Nursing - Emergency Regulations re: license renewal extension (12 AAC 44.315)

Attorney General File:	Emergency Regulations
Regulation Filed:	11/12/2020
Effective Date:	11/12/2020
Expiration Date:	March 11, 2021 unless made permanent by the adopting agency
Print:	236, January 2021

cc with enclosures: Harry Hale, Department of Law
Judy Herndon, LexisNexis
Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist

FINDING OF EMERGENCY

The Board of Nursing finds that an emergency exists under AS 44.62.250 requiring an immediate extension of the current licensing period under 12 AAC 44.315 dealing with license renewal, and that an emergency regulation change is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare. The facts constituting the emergency include the following:

The impact of COVID-19 on health care facilities has placed an additional burden on skilled nursing staff, resulting in delays in submitting applications for license renewal. Due to an increase in the volume of initial and renewal applications, plus COVID-related demands on administrative staff, it is probable that nursing license renewal applications will not be processed before the November 30 deadline, causing nurses to be unable to work when their licenses lapse on December 1. The commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services has specifically requested health care boards implement emergency measures to ensure there are no gaps in service.

ORDER CERTIFYING ADOPTION

I certify that the Board of Nursing, under the authority of AS 08.68.100, AS 08.68.251, and AS 08.68.270, adopted at its November 4, 2020 teleconference meeting the attached one page of regulation changes as an emergency regulation to take effect immediately upon filing by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180(3).

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: 11-4-20
Anchorage, Alaska


Danette Schloeder, RN, Chair
Board of Nursing

April Simpson for

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, [↑]Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on November 12th, 2020 at 12:25 p.m., I filed the attached regulation according to the provisions of AS 44.62.

for 
Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor

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unless made "permanent"
by the adopting agency

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

**I, KEVIN MEYER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA,
designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act
filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:**

**Josh Applebee, Chief of Staff
Kady Levale, Notary Administrator
April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist**

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
signed and affixed the Seal of the State of
Alaska, in Juneau, on December 11th,
2018.**



Kevin Meyer
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**KEVIN MEYER
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

EMERGENCY REGULATION

Register 236, January 2020 PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS

Chapter 44. Board of Nursing.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

12 AAC 44.315 is amended to read:

12 AAC 44.315. License renewal. (a) A practical nurse license must be renewed biennially on or before September 30 of even-numbered years. A registered nurse license and advanced practice registered nurse license must be renewed biennially on or before **a date set by the department** [NOVEMBER 30 OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS]. A renewal reminder document will be mailed to each currently licensed nurse at least 60 days before the renewal date.

(b) A license not renewed on or before the last day of the biennial licensing period lapses on the first day of the new licensing period. An applicant whose license has lapsed must meet the requirements under 12 AAC 44.317. (Eff. 4/27/97, Register 142; am 11/2/2001, Register 160; am 5/7/2010, Register 194; am 3/19/2014, Register 209; am 5/16/2018, Register 226; am 11/12/2020, Register 236)

Authority: AS 08.68.100 AS 08.68.251 AS 08.68.276