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# OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ALASKA

#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Sara Chambers, Boards and Regulations Advisor

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

FROM:

April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator

Office of the Lieutenant Governor

DATE:

August 29, 2025

RE:

Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Nursing

Board of Nursing regulations re: Temporary Permits: Alternative Probation (12 AAC

44.320, 44.740)

Attorney General File:

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August 29, 2025

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom Lieutenant Governor State of Alaska P.O. Box 110015 Juneau, AK 99811-0015

Re: 12 AAC 44.320, 44.740: Board of Nursing - Temporary Permits;

Alternative Probation Our file: 2024200439

### Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Board of Nursing against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Board of Nursing after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations concern temporary permits and alternative probation.

The May 21, 2025 public notice and the August 19, 2025 certification of adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060. The corrections are incorporated into the attached copy of the regulations.

Sincerely,

# STEPHEN J. COX ATTORNEY GENERAL

Rebecca C. Digitally signed by Rebecca C. Polizzotto

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#### ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF NURSING

The attached two pages of regulations, dealing with temporary permits and alternative probation programs, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Board of Nursing adopted at its August 5-6, 2025 meeting, under the authority of AS 08.01.075, AS 08.68.100, AS 08.68.170, AS 08.68.200, and AS 08.68.251, and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Board of Nursing paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

April Grand for FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on wayst 29, 2025 at 2:03 p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

## FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, 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:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.

OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NANCY DAHLSTROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR 12 AAC 44.320 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

- (g) The board may issue a temporary nonrenewable permit to an applicant for reinstatement who
- (1) submits a completed application for reinstatement on a form provided by the department that includes the information required under 12 AAC 44.317(a)(1)(A) (F);
- (2) pays the biennial license renewal fee, the penalty fee, and the temporary permit fee established under 12 AAC 02.280;
- (3) submits verification of licensure, in good standing and unencumbered, for each jurisdiction where the applicant held a license to practice nursing during the time period in which the applicant's license was lapsed in this state; verification of licensure must be submitted in accordance with 12 AAC 44.317(a)(5); and
- (4) if an applicant's license has been lapsed for a period of over one year, submits a fingerprint card in accordance with 12 AAC 44.319(a).
- (h) A temporary nonrenewable permit issued under (g) of this section is valid for six months from the date of issuance or until a permanent license is issued or denied, whichever occurs first. Only one temporary nonrenewable permit may be issued during each period a license is on a lapsed or retired status. (Eff. 10/14/72, Register 43; am 6/27/76, Register 58; am 4/27/83, Register 86; am 8/2/86, Register 99; am 7/28/95, Register 135; am 4/27/97, Register 142; am 9/25/98, Register 147; am 6/16/2002, Register 162; am 11/23/2003, Register 168; am 3/4/2007, Register 181; am 10/3/2011, Register 200; am 12/27/2012, Register 204; am 4/12/2022, Register 242; am 9/28/7025, Register 255)

**Authority:** AS 08.68.100 AS 08.68.200 AS 08.68.210

AS 08.68.170

Register 255, October 2026 PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS

The section heading of 12 AAC 44.740 is changed to read:

# 12 AAC 44.740. Use of alcohol or drugs and alternative probation.

12 AAC 44.740(c) is amended to read:

(c) <u>A</u> [THE BOARD MAY OFFER A] licensee <u>may request</u> [SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION] the opportunity to <u>voluntarily</u> participate in an alternative probation program.

Whether a licensee may participate in an alternative probation program is at the discretion of the board. <u>If a</u> [A] licensee <u>is allowed by the board to participate</u> [PARTICIPATING] in an alternative probation program, <u>the licensee</u> shall meet the terms of [THE] probation required by the board <u>to remain in</u> [UNDER] the alternative probation program. The board will keep <u>the</u> [A] licensee's participation in <u>the</u> [AN] alternative probation program confidential, except as required by law. <u>To participate in the alternative probation program, the licensee shall submit</u>

(1) a voluntary disclosure of information relating to the licensee's use of alcohol or controlled substances; and

(2) a written request to participate in the alternative probation program.

(Eff. 8/6/87, Register 103; am 8/25/2023, Register 247; am 9/28/2025, Register 255)

**Authority:** AS 08.01.075 AS 08.68.270 AS 08.68.275

AS 08.68.100