

# Perspectives

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## Rule Proposal

The New Jersey Board of Nursing has proposed amendments at *N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.2 and 7.2*, which concerns Biennial License Renewal.

The amendment at N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.2 clarifies that the alternative to discipline surcharge imposed pursuant N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.5(a) must be submitted to the Board when a registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse renews, reinstates, or reactivates their license. The amendment at N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.2 recognizes that individuals who complete doctoral degrees in nursing have met the masters degree educational requirement.

Notice of this proposal, PRN 2016-085, appears in the June 6, 2016 *New Jersey Register* at 48 *N.J.R. 945(a)*. Written comments are due to the Board by August 5, 2016.



The New Jersey Board of Nursing has proposed the repeal of *N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.3*, which allows individuals who have submitted applications for advanced practice nurse certification, but who have not passed the certification examination, to apply to the Board for a work permit letter.

The proposal notice indicates that when this rule was adopted, certification examinations were offered only a few times a year and an applicant could wait several months after completing his or her education before being able to sit for an examination. Because certification examinations are now offered on computers, applicants can take the examination at almost any time, and examination results are available almost immediately, the Board has determined that it is no longer necessary or appropriate to permit applicants to obtain work permit letters.

Notice of this proposal, PRN 2016-086, appears in the June 6, 2016 *New Jersey Register* at 48 *N.J.R. 946(a)*. Written comments are due to the Board by August 5, 2016.

**Legislation  
Signed Into  
Law**

**S157** Madden (D4); Vitale (D19); Oliver (D34); Handlin (R13); Vainieri Huttle (D37); Quijano (D20); McKnight (D31); Tucker (D28); Wimberly (D35) establishes "New Jersey Task Force on Abuse of Persons who are Elderly or Disabled."

This bill was signed by the Governor on May 23, 2016 as P.L.2016, c.3.



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