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(a) A certificate expires on the 28th day of the birth month of the nursing assistant, unless the certificate is renewed for a 2-year term as provided in this section.

(b) At least 3 months before the certificate expires, the Board shall send to the nursing assistant, by first-class mail to the last known address of the nursing assistant, a renewal notice that states:

(1) The date on which the current certificate expires;

(2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the certificate expires; and

(3) The amount of the renewal fee.

(c) Before a certificate expires, the nursing assistant periodically may renew it for an additional term, if the certificate holder:

(1) Otherwise is entitled to be certified;

(2) Submits to the Board a renewal application on the form that the Board requires;

(3) Pays to the Board a renewal fee set by the Board; and

(4) Provides satisfactory evidence of completion of:

(i) 8 hours of active nursing assistant practice within the 1-year period immediately preceding the date of renewal; or

(ii) An approved nursing assistant training program.

(D) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS IN SUBSECTION (C)(1), (2), AND (3) OF THIS SECTION, A SKILLED NURSING ASSISTANT SHALL:

(1) PROVIDE SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF COMPLETION OF 1,000 HOURS OF PRACTICE AS A SKILLED NURSING ASSISTANT WITHIN THE INDIVIDUAL'S SPECIFIC CATEGORY OF NURSING ASSISTANT, IN THE 2-YEAR PERIOD PRECEDING THE DATE OF RENEWAL; AND

(2) SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A BOARD-APPROVED REFRESHER COURSE WITHIN THE INDIVIDUAL'S SPECIFIC CATEGORY OF NURSING ASSISTANT.

[(d)](E) The Board shall renew the certificate of each nursing assistant who meets the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

May 26, 2004

The Honorable Michael E. Busch