

HOUSE BILL No. 2478

By Committee on Health and Human Services

Representative Oropeza on behalf of the Kansas State Board of Nursing

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AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to nursing licensure; requiring advance practice registered nurses and registered nurse anesthetists to submit to a criminal history check upon application for a nursing license; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-1112 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-1112 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-1112. (a) The board of nursing may require an ~~application~~ *applicant* to be fingerprinted and submit to a state and national criminal history record check in accordance with K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 22-4714, and amendments thereto.

(b) The board shall fix a fee for fingerprinting of applicants or licensees, or both, as may be required by the board in an amount necessary to reimburse the board for the cost of the fingerprinting. Fees collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the criminal background and fingerprinting fund.

(c) There is hereby created in the state treasury the criminal background and fingerprinting fund. All moneys credited to the fund shall be used to pay the Kansas bureau of investigation for the processing of fingerprints and criminal history background checks for the board of nursing. The fund shall be administered by the board of nursing. All expenditures from the fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the president of the board or a person designated by the president.

(d) As used in this section, "applicant" means a person who has applied for licensure as a professional nurse, *an advanced practice registered nurse, a registered nurse anesthetist, a* practical nurse or a mental health technician.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-1112 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.