

**Consideration of Proposed Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §217.2,
Pertaining to *Licensure by Examination for Graduates of Nursing Education
Programs Within the United States, its Territories, or Possessions***

Background: The proposed amendments, attached as Attachment “A”, are necessary to remove outdated and/or obsolete provisions from the Board’s rule. Specifically, the proposed amendments eliminate the requirement that applicants must submit *FBI fingerprint cards* to the Board, as the Board’s fingerprinting process has changed over time and is now automated through a third party vendor. Further, the proposed amendments eliminate subsection (f) because military programs, like the U.S. Army Practical Nurse Course, are reviewed and approved by the Board in the same manner as all other nursing programs. Further, other military courses other than the U.S. Army Practical Nurse Course are currently approved by the Board.

Board Action: Move to approve the proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code §217.2, pertaining to *Licensure by Examination for Graduates of Nursing Education Programs Within the United States, its Territories, or Possessions*, as set out in Attachment “A”, with authority for the General Counsel to make editorial changes as necessary to clarify rule and Board intent and to comply with the formatting requirements of the *Texas Register*. If no negative comments and no request for a public hearing are received, move to adopt the proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code §217.2, pertaining to *Licensure by Examination for Graduates of Nursing Education Programs Within the United States, its Territories, or Possessions*, as proposed.

Attachment “A”

§217.2. *Licensure by Examination for Graduates of Nursing Education Programs Within the United States, its Territories, or Possessions.*

(a) All applicants for initial licensure by examination shall:

(1) – (4) (No change.)

(5) submit fingerprints [~~FBI fingerprint cards provided by the Board~~] for a complete criminal background check; and

(6) (No change.)

(b) – (e) (No change.)

~~[(f) The U.S. Army Practical Nurse Course (formerly the 91C Clinical Specialist Course) is the only military program acceptable for vocational nurse licensure by examination.]~~