

**Consideration of Proposed Amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code
§217.6(j) (relating to Failure to Renew License)**

Background: On June 15, 2020, the Board launched the Texas Nurse Portal. The Texas Nurse Portal is a paperless, online system that allows individuals to apply for nurse licensure by examination, endorsement, or renewal. The proposed amendments are consistent with the Board's transition to a paperless work flow and require the reactivation application for a military spouse to be submitted online through the Texas Nurse Portal.

Board Action: Move to approve the proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code §217.5(j), relating to *Failure to Renew License*, 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 §217.5(j), relating to *Failure to Renew License*, as proposed.

Attachment “A”

§217.6. Failure to Renew License.

(a) – (i) (No change.)

(j) Military Spouse.

(1) A nurse who is the spouse of an individual serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States may be exempt from paying the late fees and fines required by this section if the applicant submits to the Board:

(A) a completed reactivation application submitted through the Texas Nurse Portal accessible through the Board’s website [~~in paper form, that meets the applicable requirements of this section~~]; and

(B) documentation showing that the applicant is the spouse of an individual serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States, also submitted through the Texas Nurse Portal accessible through the Board’s website.

(2) – (3) (No change.)