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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 455 Amended by the Senate on March 30, 2021  
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**Subject:** Temporary Licensure of Nurses  
**Requestor:** House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs  
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**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill creates an additional category of temporary licensure for graduate nurses. The fiscal impact of this bill on the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Amended by the Senate on March 30, 2021**

**State Expenditure**

This bill creates an additional category of temporary licensure for graduate nurses. The bill provides for the definition of a graduate nurse as an unlicensed graduate who completes an accredited basic nursing education program, in either registered nursing or practical nursing, within the United States, its territories, or dependencies within one year of seeking licensure. Currently, the Board of Nursing (board), under the regulation of LLR, may issue a temporary license to practice nursing to an applicant for licensure or licensure by endorsement as an advanced practice registered nurse, a registered nurse, or a licensed practical nurse. A temporary license may also be issued currently to an applicant while participating in a refresher course for up to ninety days when the applicant is seeking reinstatement of a lapsed or an inactive license or licensure by endorsement.

The bill provides that an applicant for licensure as a graduate nurse must function under the supervision of a currently licensed registered nurse to be eligible for a temporary license to practice nursing, and the board may establish other requirements for the supervision and employment of graduate nurses as necessary. The bill additionally provides situations in which temporary licensure as a graduate nurse must be revoked.

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**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure & Revenue**

N/A

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