

House Resolution 758

By: Representatives Murphy of the 120th, Buckner of the 130th, and Jamieson of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Board of Nursing to investigate and consider a method by which those
2 who have been licensed practical nurses for 15 or more years may become registered
3 professional nurses upon the waiver of certain requirements as a measure to reduce the
4 nursing shortage in Georgia; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, a nursing shortage is being felt across the nation as hospital officials estimate
6 that by the year 2020 the shortage will reach up to 400,000 nurses; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia's nursing shortage is one of the worst nationwide; and

8 WHEREAS, there is a consensus that the nursing shortage in Georgia, as elsewhere, is
9 largely associated with an insufficient capacity of nurse training programs associated with
10 shortages of faculty, space, and other resources to educate more nurses; and

11 WHEREAS, there are licensed practical nurses who have been practicing for 15 years or
12 longer that may be able to help fill the nursing shortage gap if certain requirements are
13 waived as a result of them being given credit for their many years of experience.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 the members of this body urge the Georgia Board of Nursing to investigate and consider a
16 method by which those who have been licensed practical nurses for 15 or more years may
17 become registered professional nurses upon the waiver of certain requirements as a measure
18 to reduce the nursing shortage in Georgia.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia Board of Nursing is urged to report to the
20 House of Representatives on the outcome of such investigation and set forth such legislative
21 options as may be necessary to achieve this public policy goal.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
- 3 Board of Nursing.