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License Processing Times of the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing
directed by House Resolution 142 of 2021

A Short Summary

House Resolution 142, Printer's No. 2138, adopted on October 26, 2021, directed the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a comprehensive study and review of the State Board of Nursing (the Board) to learn about the length of time to issue licenses. Also, HR142 directed the Commission to compare Pennsylvania's processing times to those of other states and to make recommendations on how to reduce processing time and eliminate delays.

Commission staff met with stakeholders representing different parts of the system, including nursing schools, healthcare associations and advocates, and the state's nursing board. There was a consensus among organizations providing input on the current processing times for the issuance and renewal of licenses under the Board's jurisdiction that there were delays in the process.

The results of the meetings and staff research led to several recommendations to reduce time frames and improve efficiency to help ensure that qualified candidates and professional nurses are available to meet the Commonwealth's healthcare needs.

The full report is available on the Commission's website.

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