

House Bill 493 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Hatchett of the 155<sup>th</sup>, Newton of the 127<sup>th</sup>, and Oliver of the 82<sup>nd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-26-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 renewal, surrender, and restoration of registered professional nursing licenses and continuing  
3 competency requirements, so as to revise a provision regarding verification of competency;  
4 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 43-26-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to renewal,  
8 surrender, and restoration of registered professional nursing licenses and continuing  
9 competency requirements, is amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b.1) as  
10 follows:

11 "(4) Verification of competency by a health care facility or entity licensed under  
12 Chapter 7 of Title 31 or operated exclusively by the federal government or any of its  
13 agencies, or by a physician's office that is part of a health system, and at least 500 hours  
14 practiced as evidenced by employer certification on a form approved by the board; or"

15 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.