

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

Approved May 26, 2004.

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**CHAPTER 455**

**(Senate Bill 405)**

AN ACT concerning

**State Board of Nursing - Nursing Assistants and Medication Technicians -  
Miscellaneous Provisions**

FOR the purpose of altering the number of members on the State Board of Nursing Rehabilitation Committee; requiring that a registered nurse with expertise in pain management be a member of the rehabilitation committee; authorizing the Board to conduct a demonstration study to evaluate certain changes to certain nursing practice regulations; providing for the purpose of demonstration studies; requiring the Board to approve the demonstration study design and to select the testing facilities; authorizing the Board to waive certain requirements during a demonstration study; requiring an individual to be certified by the Board before practicing as a medication technician, using certain titles, and making certain representations; making ~~a certain exception~~ certain exceptions to the requirement for certification as a medication technician; requiring the Board to set certain fees relating to the certification of medication technicians; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; establishing certain qualifications that an individual must meet to qualify for certain certificates; repealing a certain procedure for granting a nursing assistant certificate by waiver; establishing procedures for the certification of medication technicians and the issuance and renewal of medication technician certificates; altering certain requirements for the renewal of a nursing assistant certificate; requiring certain certificate holders to notify the Board in a certain manner and within a certain time period after a certain change has occurred; authorizing the Board to impose a certain administrative penalty on certain certificate holders under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to pay certain penalties to the General Fund of the State; authorizing the Board to impose a certain fine on a certified medication technician; establishing grounds for the denial of a medication technician certificate and the discipline of certified medication technicians; authorizing the Board to deny, suspend, or revoke certain certificates under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to reinstate certain certificates under certain circumstances; providing for the surrender of a medication technician certificate under certain circumstances; requiring the Board's advisory committee to review certain investigations of complaints and make certain recommendations for disciplinary action; requiring certain individuals to submit to certain examinations under certain circumstances; prohibiting a ~~director of nursing~~ person from employing certain individuals under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions;