

**Summary of Request:**

Staff is requesting the Board review a rule amendment which would allow internationally educated nurses living in Texas to participate in a program that provides education in the United States healthcare system and current nursing and clinical practice. If the Board approves this new rule, staff recommends charging a fee for the six-month accustomation permit. Additionally, staff recommends an amendment to clarify that the issuance of a temporary permit for completing a refresher course is also \$25.00.

**Historical Perspective:**

The issuing of this permit will allow internationally educated nurses in Texas to participate in a clinical experience. These students are not enrolled in a Texas school of nursing so they cannot receive a GN/GVN permit.

**Pros and Cons:**

Pros: By assessing this fee, the BON will recover the costs associated with issuing this permit.

Cons: None

**Staff Recommendation:**

Board Action: Move to approve the proposed amendments to §223 *Fees* and authorize staff to publish the rule with the proposed amendments in the *Texas Register* for a 30-day comment period, with authority for General Counsel to make editorial changes as necessary to clarify rule and board intent. If negative comments are not received, adopt Rule 223 (a) with the proposed amendments.

**§223. Fees.**

(a) The Texas Board of Nursing has established reasonable and necessary fees for the administration of its functions.

(1) – (7) (No change).

(8) issuance of a temporary permit for completing a refresher course, a temporary permit under §301.258, or an accustomation permit: \$25;

(9) - (24) (No change).

(b) (No change.)