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CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR

Emergency Order #78 Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, as Extended by Executive Orders 2020- 05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, and 2020-24

An Order Authorizing Certain Military Service Members and Emergency Medical Technicians to Obtain Temporary Licensure as a Licensed Nursing Assistant

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-04, an order declaring a state of emergency due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, in recent weeks, New Hampshire has experienced a significant increase in COVID- 19 infections, many caused by community transmission, and a significant increase in individuals hospitalized due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has a disproportionate impact on New Hampshire's most vulnerable populations including those older adults requiring both residential and community based care; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire's healthcare care facilities are struggling to retain the workforce needed to meet the demands associated with the COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, an adequate number of healthcare workers is necessary to provide essential services to some of New Hampshire's most vulnerable adults and the outbreak of COVID-19 has significantly reduced the availability of healthcare workers, including long-term care workers; and

WHEREAS, military service members have completed training that substantially meet or exceed current New Hampshire state law requirements to obtain licensure as a licensed nursing assistant, and there are current or former service members in New Hampshire who are ready, willing, and able to assist with the COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, permitting certain military service members to work alongside licensed staff in healthcare facilities, including long-term care facilities, will increase the number of qualified healthcare workers in New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical technicians have completed training that substantially meet or exceed current New Hampshire state law requirements to obtain licensure as a licensed nursing assistant, and there are emergency medical technicians in New Hampshire who are ready, willing, and able to assist with the COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, RSA 332-G:7 requires certain boards, councils, and commissions to adopt rules identifying military training, education, or service that qualifies military personnel for licensure.

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NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 18 of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, and 2020-24 it is hereby ordered, effective immediately, that:

1. For the duration of the State of Emergency, current and former military service members who have been assigned a military occupational specialty code of 68W (Army) or 4N0X1 (Air Force), with or without additional skill identifiers, and who, as part of their service in the military, have utilized their MOS within the last three years, may apply for a license as a nursing assistant in New Hampshire, providing the following requirements are met:

    a. The individual has applied for and received a temporary license as a licensed nursing assistant from the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification pursuant to the procedure provided in Emergency Order #15. Upon receipt of the completed application, the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification shall issue a temporary license pursuant to Emergency Order #15 for a period not to exceed four (4) months to any person who demonstrates that they have an MOS of 68W or 4N0X1 and have utilized their MOS within the last three years as part of their service in the military.

2. For the duration of the State of Emergency, individuals licensed as an EMT-Basic, Advanced EMT, or Paramedic in any United States jurisdiction who presently holds a certification from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT), may apply for and receive a temporary license as a licensed nursing assistant from the Office of Professional and Certification pursuant to the procedure provided in Emergency Order #15. Upon receipt of the completed application, the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification shall issue a temporary license for a period not to exceed four (4) months to any person who is licensed as an EMT-Basic, Advanced EMT, or Paramedic in a United States jurisdiction who presently holds a certification from NREMT.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 30th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-four.

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