BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 531 (First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, after "Hollinger" insert "and Young".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 9, after the semicolon, insert "<u>authorizing the State Board of Nursing to</u> <u>waive certain qualifications for certification as a nurse aide under certain circumstances;</u>"; and in line 20, strike "8-6A-12" and substitute "<u>8-6A-11</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 29, strike "OCTOBER 1, 1997" and substitute "JULY 1, 1998".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, after line 35 insert:

"(D) THE BOARD MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN APPROVED EDUCATION PROGRAM AND PASSAGE OF AN EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE BOARD UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION FOR ANY APPLICANT WHO APPLIES FOR CERTIFICATION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE BY JULY 1, 1998 AND SUBMITS EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD THAT THE APPLICANT:

(1) HOLDS CURRENT REGISTRATION IN GOOD STANDING AS A GERIATRIC NURSING ASSISTANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 19-308.1 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE; OR

(2) IN THE LAST TWO YEARS HAS BEEN:

(I) EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST 1,000 HOURS AS A NURSE AIDE; AND

(II) EVALUATED BY A LICENSED NURSE WHO ATTESTS TO THE COMPETENCY OF THE APPLICANT.".

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, in line 12, after the semicolon insert "<u>AND</u>"; and strike beginning with "HAS" in line 13 down through "(IV)" in line 17.

AMENDMENT NO.6

On page 5, in line 8, strike "1,000" and substitute "<u>8</u>"; in line 9, strike "5-YEAR" and substitute "<u>1-YEAR</u>"; in the same line, after the semicolon insert "<u>OR</u>"; and strike beginning with the first "A" in line 10 down through "BOARD" in line 13 and substitute "<u>AN APPROVED</u> <u>EDUCATION PROGRAM</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On pages 5 and 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 31 on page 5 through line 11 on page 6, inclusive.

On page 8, in line 24, strike "8-6A-12." and substitute "<u>8-6A-11.</u>"; and in line 35, strike "1997" and substitute "<u>1998</u>".