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Policy Name: **HISTORY**

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Purpose: To describe the statutory purpose of the Board of Nursing and to represent the membership of the Board.

Policy:

- A. On March 11, 1911, Chapter 186 of the Idaho Session Laws was passed creating the Idaho Board of Nursing.
 - 1. The Board was charged to “safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Idaho through regulation of nursing practice and nursing education”.
 - 2. The Board strives to achieve its purpose:
 - a. by reviewing and approving applications for licensure;
 - b. by assisting individuals and institutions to meet defined standards of nursing practice;
 - c. through investigation of complaints, initiation of disciplinary action; and
 - d. by applying established standards to the evaluation and approval of educational programs preparing persons for licensure;
- B. The Board of Nursing is a self-governing agency composed of nine individual members appointed by the Governor.
 - 1. Members include:
 - a. five (5) licensed professional nurses (RNs):
 - 1) three (3) of whom are educated at no higher than the diploma or A.D. in nursing,
 - 2) two (2) of whom are educated at the B.S., M.S. or doctoral in nursing degree,
 - b. two licensed practical nurses (LPNs);
 - c. one consumer; and
 - d. one RN licensed as an APPN.
 - 2. No member shall be appointed for more than three (3) consecutive terms.