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Senate Bill 1172 (as introduced)  
Sponsor: Senator Raymond E. Basham

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Part 172 (Nursing) of the Public Health Code to authorize the Department of Community Health, in consultation with the Michigan Board of Nursing, to issue an honorary nursing license to an individual, living or deceased, who met all the requirements of Part 172 to be eligible for a license except for passage of an examination, and who was unable to take the exam due to advanced illness. An honorary license would not confer any right to engage in the practice of nursing.

("Advanced illness" would mean the term as defined in Section 5653 of the Code, i.e., a medical or surgical condition with significant functional impairment that is not reversible by curative therapies and that is anticipated to progress toward death despite attempts at curative therapies or modulation.)

The section the bill would add would be known as "Katie Viger's Law".

Proposed MCL 333.17231

Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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