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From time to time as deemed necessary by the board, it shall be the duty of the board to survey all schools of training of practical nurses in the state. If the board determines that any accredited school for the training of practical nurses is not maintaining the standards required by the statutes and by the board, notice thereof in writing specifying the defect or defects shall immediately be given to the school conducting the course. If defects are not corrected within a reasonable time, the school shall be removed from the list of accredited schools for licensed practical nurses. (1945, c. 265. 1955, c. 59, § 2.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment substituted “practical nurses” for “nursing attendants” throughout the section. See note to § 1 of this chapter.

Sec. 5. Penalties.—It shall be unlawful for any person, including any corporation, association or individual, to:

I. Sell or fraudulently obtain or furnish any practical nurse’s diploma, license or record or aid or abet therein.

II. Use in connection with his or her name any designation tending to imply that he or she is a licensed practical nurse unless duly licensed so to practice under the provisions of this chapter.

III. Practice as a licensed practical nurse during the time his or her license issued under the provisions of this chapter shall be suspended or revoked.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter or willfully makes a false representation to the board shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 and shall have his or her license revoked; provided that nothing in this section shall apply to the acts of any person nursing the sick who does not represent himself or herself to be a licensed practical nurse. The board shall cause to be presented to the proper prosecuting officer evidence of any violation of this chapter and may incur any necessary expenses in the performance of this duty, which expenses shall be paid out of the receipts of said board.

Upon receipt of written complaint or information indicating the advisability of hearing and after hearing, said board may cancel or suspend the license of any licensed practical nurse who may be found guilty of neglect of duty, or of inefficiency, or any act derogatory to the standing and morals of attendant nursing, but before any license shall be revoked, the holder thereof shall be entitled to 30 days’ notice of the charges against him or her and to a full and fair hearing thereon.

Any license which has been canceled shall be returned by the holder thereof to the board, and upon failure of prompt return, shall be taken by any officer of the peace upon request of the board and returned to the board. (1945, c. 265. 1955, c. 59, § 2.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment substituted “practical nurse” for “nursing attendant” throughout the section. See note to § 1 of this chapter.

Chapter 71.

Registration of Osteopaths.

Sec. 7. Certificate publicly displayed; rights under certificate.

Any osteopathic physician of good repute who is a graduate of an accredited osteopathic college, serving as an intern, resident physician or surgeon in a hospital in this state, shall register with the board and be issued a certificate by the board evidencing the right of such a person to hold a temporary license to practice only in said hospital. Such a certificate may not be issued for a period in excess of one year, but may be renewed from time to time, not to exceed an aggregate of 5 years. The certificate shall be in a form prescribed by the board and may be revoked or suspended at any time by the board with such suspension or revo-

cation effective when written notification from the board is received by the hospital. (R. S. c. 64, § 7. 1953, c. 294, § 4. 1955, c. 167.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment added the above paragraph at the end of this section. As original paragraph of the section was not changed by the amendment, it is not set out.

Chapter 72.

Registration of Chiropractors.

Sec. 4. Examination and registration.—Any person, before engaging in the practice of chiropractic in this state, shall make application for a certificate to practice chiropractic to the board on a form prescribed by said board. Said application shall be filed with the secretary of the board at least 7 days before the date of examination, together with a deposit of \$25, which said deposit shall be returned to applicant in case the application is rejected. Each applicant must be at least 21 years of age and shall present proof of 2 years' satisfactory attendance at a college of liberal arts. On and after the calendar year 1959 candidates for licensure shall be required to present transcripts from an accredited college or university certifying that they have completed 2 years of preprofessional work, 2 subjects of which must be English and biology, or otherwise satisfy the members of the board of sufficient prior academic education. The applicant shall also present a diploma granted by a legally chartered chiropractic college, school or university in good standing and having the power to confer degrees in chiropractic, which diploma shall show that it was granted on personal attendance of the applicant and completion of a course of 4 school years of not less than 8 months each and of a total of 4,400 60-minute school hours. All applicants must also present a certificate of good moral character signed by some reputable resident of this state and such other reasonable and proper facts as the board in its blank application may require. (R. S. c. 65, § 4. 1945, c. 12. 1953, c. 104, § 2. 1955, c. 152.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment substituted "2 years" for "1 year's" in the third sentence and "1959" for "1957" and "2 years" for "1 year" in the fourth sentence.

Chapter 74.

Registration of Podiatrists.

Sec. 4. Examination; requirements.—Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any person before engaging in the practice of podiatry shall be examined as to his qualifications. Each applicant shall, at least 10 days before the date of his examination, present to the secretary of the board of registration in medicine an application for a license to practice podiatry on a form prescribed by the examiners and containing satisfactory proof that said applicant is at least 21 years of age, of good moral character and that he has received a certificate of graduation from a legally incorporated, regular established school of podiatry, recognized by the council of education of the national association of chiropodists, having a minimum requirement of not less than 4 consecutive years of 8 months each of scholastic attendance, nor shall such applicant be entitled to registration and certificate unless such applicant shall have had, prior to the beginning of his course in podiatry, as a minimum requirement, a 4-year course in a recognized high school or its equivalent and 1 year in a legally recognized school or college of the liberal arts or of the sciences.

The applicant shall then be required to pass an examination in the subjects of anatomy, chemistry, dermatology, diagnosis, materia medica, pathology, physi-