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SYLLABUS:

A nurse enrolled in the proposed Maine Medical Center educational course "critical care nursing" need not hold a valid Maine license to participate as long as such nurse does not receive compensation for the two days of clinical practice.

FACTS:

The Maine Medical Center plans a one month course in "critical care nursing." The Center plans to offer the course to registered nurses in Maine and to out-of-state nurses. The course will include two days of supervised clinical practice.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

- (1) Whether a nurse needs to be licensed in Maine in order to participate in an educational course held in Maine which includes practice in the clinical area? No.
- (2) If a Maine nursing license is not a prerequisite to such participation by a nurse, what is the nature of the nurse's liability? No answer can be given at this time.

REASONS:

(1) A nurse enrolled in the proposed Maine Medical Center educational course "critical care nursing" need not hold a valid Maine license to participate as long as such nurse does not receive compensation for the two days of clinical practice. 32 M.R.S.A. § 2102, sub-§§ 2 to 6.

(2) The question posed re liability of nurses enrolled as students in the proposed educational course who do not hold a Maine nursing license is hypothetical and dependent upon too many variables to be answered at this time.

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