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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Practice of Nursing.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 32, § 2102, sub-§ 2, ¶ D, amended. The last sentence of paragraph D of subsection 2 of section 2102 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 32, § 2102, sub-§ 2, $\parallel E$, additional. Subsection 2 of section 2102 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new paragraph E to read as follows:

E. Diagnosis of illness or prescription of therapeutic or corrective measures when such services are delegated by a physician to a registered nurse who has completed the necessary additional educational program required for the proper performance of such services. Such programs shall be approved by the board and the Board of Registration in Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Examination and Registration. When the delegated activities are part of the practice of optometry as defined in chapter 35, then the person to whom such activities are delegated shall possess a valid license to practice optometry in Maine, or otherwise shall perform only as a technician within the established office of a physician, and otherwise acting solely on the order of and under the responsibility of a physician skilled in the treatment of eyes as designated by the proper professional board, and without assuming evaluation or interpretation of examination findings by prescribing corrective procedures to preserve, restore or improve vision.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective October 1, 1974.