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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 614

H. P. 496

House of Representatives, February 11, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Najarian of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Increase Certain Fees Paid to the State Board of Nursing.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 2206, 3rd sentence, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 26, § 1, is further amended to read:

Such person shall complete the renewal application and return it to the board with a renewal fee of ~~5~~ \$10 before December 31st of the year in which said application was received.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 2206, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 26, § 2, is further amended to read:

Any registered nurse who allows his or her license to lapse by failing to renew the license as provided may be reinstated by the board on satisfactory explanation for such failure to renew his license and on payment of a reinstatement fee of ~~5~~ \$5, in addition to the \$10 current renewal fee.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA § 2207, sub-§§ 1, 2 and 3, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 283, are further amended to read:

1. **Examination.** By examination: Fee of ~~30~~ \$40 payable on application;
2. **Reexamination.** By reexamination: Fee to be determined by the board based on the number of areas to be covered and not to exceed ~~30~~ \$40;
3. **Endorsement.** By endorsement: Fee of ~~25~~ \$40 payable on application.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA § 2255, 3rd sentence, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 26, § 3, is further amended to read:

Such person shall complete the renewal application and return it to the board with a renewal fee of ~~\$5~~ \$10 before July 1st of the year in which said application was received.

Sec. 5. 32 MRSA § 2255, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 26, § 4, is further amended to read:

Any licensee who allows his or her license to lapse by failing to renew the license as provided may be reinstated by the board on satisfactory explanation of such failure to renew his or her license and on payment of a reinstatement fee of ~~\$8~~ \$5, in addition to the \$10 current renewal fee.

Sec. 6. 32 MRSA § 2256, sub-§§ 1 and 2, as last amended by PL 1965, c. 206, § 7, are further amended to read:

1. **Examination.** By examination: Fee of ~~\$20~~ \$30 payable on application;
2. **Reexamination.** By reexamination: Fee to be determined by the board and shall not exceed ~~\$20~~ \$30;

Sec. 7. 32 MRSA § 2256, sub-§ 3, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 26, § 5, is further amended to read:

3. **Endorsement.** By endorsement: Fee of ~~\$5~~ \$30 payable on application and an additional fee of \$15 to complete the requirements for the issuance of the license.

FISCAL NOTE

The proposed fee increases will result in approximately \$65,000 additional revenue.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The sole income of the State Board of Nursing is from fees from nurses. These must be adequate to cover the annual expenditures. Overall fees have not been increased since 1969. During the past 2 years, expenditures have exceeded income. It was not necessary for the State Board of Nursing to request general funds to cover the deficits because there was a small reserve fund. Without an increase in fees, this reserve will be depleted this year.