

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 446

H. P. 353

House of Representatives, February 16, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Lewis of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Transfer to Central Maine General Hospital School of Nursing, a Corporation, the Authorization Heretofore Granted to Central Maine General Hospital, a Corporation with a School of Nursing, to Confer Associate in Applied Science Degrees in Nursing.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Legislature, in the first special session of the 107th Legislature by the private and special laws, chapter 123, granted authority to Central Maine General Hospital, a corporation with a school of nursing, to grant Associate in Applied Science Degrees, commencing in June 1977; and

Whereas, Central Maine General Hospital has changed its corporate name to "Central Maine Medical Center;" and

Whereas, students are presently enrolled in the Central Maine Medical Center's School of Nursing anticipating earning Associate in Applied Science Degrees in Nursing in June of 1977; and

Whereas, Central Maine Medical Center has been advised by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., that the school of nursing will be accredited only if it exists as a separate corporate entity distinct from but affiliated with Central Maine Medical Center; and

Whereas, Central Maine Medical Center has caused a corporation to be organized under the Revised Statutes, Title 13, chapter 81, under the name of Central Maine Medical Center School of Nursing; and

Whereas, if this Act is not effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature, those students presently working toward their Associate De-

degrees will not be credited until having received the degrees from an accredited institution ; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety ; now, therefore,

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

Central Maine Medical Center School of Nursing, a corporation; Associate in Applied Science Degrees. The authority granted under the private and special laws of 1975, chapter 123, to Central Maine General Hospital, now Central Maine Medical Center, to confer Associate in Applied Science Degrees in Nursing, is transferred to Central Maine Medical Center School of Nursing, a corporation organized exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes under the Revised Statutes, Title 13, chapter 81 et seq., which corporation shall have the power and authority to confer such degrees upon all persons who shall have completed satisfactorily a 2-year course of study in the field of nursing. These degrees shall not be conferred until June 1977 and that portion of the course of study conducted by the nursing school of Central Maine General Hospital, including that portion conducted under its new name of Central Maine Medical Center, shall be considered as a part of the course of study of Central Maine Medical Center School of Nursing.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.