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Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

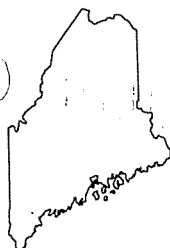
Presented by Representative SWAZEY of Bucksport.

Cosponsored by Representative PINES of Limestone, Representative CONSTANTINE of Bar Harbor and Representative DUPLESSIS of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act Regarding the Licensing of Nurses.



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

2 Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2202, as amended by PL 1985, c. 724, §19, is
4 further amended to read:

6 **§2202. Licenses; examination**

8 The applicant ~~shall--be~~ is required to pass a written
10 examination in such subjects deemed necessary by the board
12 necessary to determine the fitness of the applicant to practice
14 professional nursing. Upon successfully passing such the
16 examination, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to
practice professional nursing as a registered nurse, the license
to be in force for a period of at least one year ~~until the birth~~
~~date of the licensee~~ from the date of issuance. The initial
license is renewable as provided in section 2206.

18 Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2206, as amended by PL 1989, c. 609, §§3 and
20 4, is further amended to read:

22 **§2206. Renewals**

24 The license of every registered nurse licensed under this
chapter ~~shall be renewed annually~~ is renewable every 3 years,
26 except as otherwise provided. At least 30 days before the 3rd
anniversary of ~~that person's birth~~ the issuance date of a
registered nurse's present license, the board shall mail an
28 application for renewal of license to each professional nurse who
holds a valid license, ~~which~~. The application shall must be
30 mailed to the most recent address of that person as it appears on
the records of the board. That person shall complete the renewal
32 application and return it to the board with a renewal fee of \$20
\$60 before the 3rd anniversary of the issuance date of that
34 person's birth present license. Upon receipt of the application
and fee, the board shall verify the accuracy of the application
36 and issue to the applicant a certificate of renewal of license
for ~~the year~~ a period of 3 years, expiring on the 3rd anniversary
38 of the ~~applicant's birth~~ date of issuance.

40 Any registered nurse who fails to renew the license as
42 provided may be reinstated by the board on satisfactory
explanation for failure to renew the license and on payment of a
44 reinstatement fee of \$10, in addition to the current renewal fee.

46 Any person practicing professional nursing during the time
his the person's license has lapsed shall ~~be~~ is considered an
48 illegal practitioner and shall ~~be~~ is subject to the penalties
provided for violations of this chapter.

50 A person who is not engaged in professional nursing in the
52 State shall is not be required to pay a renewal fee for as long
as he the person does not practice, but shall notify the board of

2 his inactive status in writing. Prior to resumption of his the
3 practice of professional nursing, that person shall--be is
4 required to notify the board and remit a renewal fee for the
current annual period.

6 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §2252**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 724, §25, is
7 further amended to read:

8 **§2252. License; examination**

10 The applicant shall--be is required to pass a written
12 examination in such subjects deemed necessary by the board
13 necessary to determine the fitness of the applicant to practice
14 practical nursing. Each written examination may be supplemented
15 by an oral or practical examination. Upon successfully passing
16 such the examination, the board shall issue to the applicant a
17 license to practice as a licensed practical nurse, that license
18 to be in force ~~from the date of issue~~ for a period of ~~at least~~
19 one year ~~until the birth date of the licensee~~ from the date of
20 issuance. The initial license is renewable as provided in
21 section 2255.

22 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §2255**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 609, §§6 and
24 7, is further amended to read:

26 **§2255. Renewals**

28 The license of every practical nurse licensed under this
29 chapter shall--be--renewed--annually is renewable every 3 years,
30 except as otherwise provided. At least 30 days before the 3rd
31 anniversary of ~~that person's--birth~~ the issuance date of a
32 practical nurse's present license, the board shall mail an
33 application for renewal of license to each practical nurse who
34 holds a valid license,--~~which.~~ The application shall must be
35 mailed to the most recent address of ~~the~~ that person as it
36 appears on the records of the board. That person shall complete
37 the renewal application and return it to the board with a renewal
38 fee of ~~\$20~~ \$60 before the 3rd anniversary of the issuance date of
39 that person's birth present license. Upon receipt of the
40 application and fee, the board shall verify the accuracy of the
41 application and issue to the applicant a certificate of renewal
42 of license for ~~the year~~ a period of 3 years, expiring on the 3rd
43 anniversary of the ~~applicant's--birth~~ date of issuance.

44 Any practical nurse who fails to renew the license as
45 provided may be reinstated by the board on satisfactory
46 explanation for failure to renew the license and on payment of a
47 reinstatement fee of \$10, in addition to the renewal fee.

48 Any person practicing nursing as a licensed practical nurse
49 during the time his the person's license has lapsed shall--be is

2 considered an illegal practitioner and shall-be is subject to the
penalties provided for violations of this chapter.

4 A person who is not engaged in practical nursing in the
State shall is not be required to pay a renewal fee as long as he
6 the person does not practice, but shall notify the board of his
inactive status in writing prior to the expiration date of his
8 that person's current license. Before the resumption of practice
as a licensed practical nurse and transfer to active status, that
10 person shall--be is required to notify the board, complete a
renewal application and remit the current renewal fee.

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 Currently, registered nurses and practical nurses must renew
their licenses every year. This bill provides a 3 year renewal
18 period. Also, the licensing fee has been adjusted to reflect the
longer licensing period.

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