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H.P. 805

House of Representatives, March 18, 1991

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 PENDLETON of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Representative BOUTILIER of Lewiston, Representative CARROLL of Gray and Senator GILL of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Clarify and Expand Reciprocity in the Certification of Nursing Assistants and Require the State Board of Nursing to Issue Certificates for Nursing Assistants.



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

32 MRSA §2202-A, as amended by PL 1989, c. 700, Pt. A, §146, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§2202-A. Certificates; nursing assistants

1. Certificates; equivalency. The State Board of Nursing shall issue certificates attesting to the competency of individuals to act as assistants to nurses if the applicant has:

A. Satisfactorily completed a course with a curriculum prescribed by the State Board of Nursing; or

B. Completed, outside the State, a nursing assistant course with a curriculum considered by the State Board of Nursing to be substantially equivalent to the curriculum prescribed by the board.

2. Temporary certificates. The State Board of Nursing shall issue temporary certificates attesting to the competency of individuals to act as assistants to nurses if an applicant has a certificate issued by a state or territory of the United States but has not completed a course with a curriculum considered by the department to be substantially equivalent to the curriculum prescribed by the State Board of Nursing. The temporary certificate must be issued for 4 months and must be made permanent if that individual completes a training program of 40 hours of theory plus clinical hours to bring the total hours of training, including the original course, the 40 hours of theory and the supplemental clinical training, to equal 150 hours and successfully completes a competency evaluation.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill clarifies that nursing assistants who completed a course with a curriculum considered by the State Board of Nursing to be substantially equivalent to the curriculum prescribed by the board may receive Maine certificates. It also establishes a temporary certificate for those people certified by other states who may not have had an equivalent course. It allows them a temporary certificate but requires them to meet a 150-hour training requirement and to take a competency test.