

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hale of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Amend Sections Nineteen, Twenty-one and
Twenty-two of Chapter Eighteen of the Revised Statutes
and to Add a New Section to Said Chapter Eighteen, Relat-
ing to the Board of Registration of Nurses.

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

Section 1. Section nineteen of chapter eighteen of the
2 revised statutes as amended by chapter one hundred forty-
3 eighty of the public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen
4 is hereby further amended by striking out the words "which
5 may be renewed at the expiration of five years upon pay-
6 ment of one dollar to the secretary of the board" in the
7 fifteenth and sixteenth lines thereof, and inserting in lieu

8 thereof the words 'which shall be valid for a period of five
9 years from the date of its issue, and renewable by the nurse
10 at any time after the expiration of each such period, upon
11 payment of one dollar to the secretary of the board,' so that
12 the same shall read as follows:

'Sect. 19. *Organization of board; quorum; records; duty*
2 *of secretary as to renewal of certificates of registration;*
3 *annual report. Secs. 2, 8.* The board shall, at each annual
4 meeting, elect from its number a president, and a secre-
5 tary who shall also be treasurer. It shall elect one of its
6 members as inspector of training schools for nurses. The
7 board may adopt a seal and pin, which shall be placed in
8 the care of the secretary, and may adopt such by-laws, rules
9 and regulations for the transaction of the business of the
10 board and the government and management of its affairs,
11 not inconsistent with the laws of this state and of the United
12 States, as it may deem expedient. Three members of said
13 board shall constitute a quorum; special meetings shall be
14 called by the secretary upon request of any two members.
15 The secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the
16 board, including a register of the names of all nurses duly
17 registered under sections twenty and twenty-one, which
18 shall be open to the public at all reasonable times; he shall
19 furnish a certificate of registration to each of such nurses,
20 which shall be valid for a period of five years from the
21 date of its issue, and renewable by the nurse at any time
22 after the expiration of each such period, upon payment of

23 one dollar to the secretary of the board; the applicant for
24 renewal of a certificate shall give at least three months'
25 notice, by registered letter, of the expiration of said certifi-
26 cate, and shall submit an affidavit showing his or her identi-
27 ty. The board shall submit to the governor on or before
28 the first day of January in each year, a general statement
29 of the work of the board for the year preceding, including
30 therein a statement of the number of applications received
31 during the year, the number approved, and the number re-
32 jected.'

Sect. 2. Section twenty-one of said chapter eighteen as
2 amended by chapter one hundred forty-eight of the Public
3 Laws of nineteen hundred seventeen is hereby amended by
4 striking out in line one "any resident of the state twenty-
5 one years of age or over" and inserting in lieu thereof the
6 words 'any nurse twenty-one years of age or over, who shall
7 have been a resident of the state not less than six months,'
8 and inserting in line twelve thereof after the words "who
9 has been registered" the words 'by examination,' and omit-
10 ting in lines fifteen and sixteen the words "and which ex-
11 tends a similar privilege to nurses registered in this state," so
12 that the same shall read as follows:

'Sect. 21. *Registration without examination.* Any nurse
2 twenty-one years of age or over, who shall have been a resi-
3 dent of the state not less than six months, and of good
4 moral character, applying for registration within two years
5 from the third day of July in the year nineteen hundred and

6 fiteen, who shall, by affidavit or otherwise, show to the sat-
7 isfaction of the board that he or she is a graduate of a train-
8 ing school for nurses, which gives at least a two years'
9 course in a public or private hospital, where a general course
10 of instruction is given, or that he or she was, on said third
11 day of July, a student in such a training school for nurses,
12 and afterwards was graduated therefrom, shall be eligible
13 for registration without examination within one year of
14 graduation, upon the payment of a fee of five dollars. The
15 board may register in like manner without examination,
16 upon payment of a fee of like amount, any person who has
17 been registered by examination as a professional nurse in
18 another state under laws, which in the opinion of the board,
19 maintain a standard substantially similar to that maintained
20 in this state.'

Sect. 3. Chapter eighteen of the revised statutes as amend-
2 ed by chapter one hundred forty-eight of the Public Laws
3 of nineteen hundred seventeen is further amended by add-
4 ing thereto the following section:

'Within a year of the passage of this act every nurse em-
2 ployed in any form of public health nursing, not already
3 registered, as provided in section nineteen hereof, shall be-
4 come registered in accordance with the provisions of this
5 act, and her failure so to do shall terminate her said
6 employment. No nurse shall be employed in any form of
7 public health nursing until her qualifications for such work
8 shall have been approved and certified by a committeee

9 composed of three registered nurses; one representing the
10 state board of examiners for the board of nurses; one rep-
11 resenting the public health nursing section of the Maine
12 State Nurses Association, and one the division of public
13 health nursing of the state department of health, the mem-
14 bers of said committee to be duly chosen by their several
15 organizations. Public health nursing within the meaning
16 of this section shall be deemed to include nursing done by
17 any graduate nurse in any form of social work in which the
18 health of the public is concerned, and in which her training
19 as a nurse comes into play and is recognized as a valuable
20 part of her equipment.'