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EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 270

S. P. 288

In Senate, January 31, 1935.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Burkett of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Registration of Nurses.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 21, § 20, amended. Section 20 of chapter 21 of the revised statutes is hereby amended so that the 2nd paragraph thereof shall read as follows:

'The board shall admit to examination for registration any applicant who shall pay a fee of \$10 and submit satisfactory evidence that he or she:

- (a) Is more than 21 years of age and of good moral character;
- (b) ~~Has had at least two years high school education or its equivalent;~~ **Has graduated in the college preparatory course of an approved class A secondary school;**
- (c) Has taken a full course of not less than 2 years in the same school of nursing from which he or she has graduated and received a diploma, said school of nursing to be one approved by the board of registration, and presided over by a nurse registered in accordance with the requirements of sections 18 to 24 inclusive.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 21, § 24, amended. Section 24 of said chapter 21 is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 24. Compulsory registration; penalty. No ~~person~~ graduate nurse shall practice professional nursing **for remuneration** in this state as a registered nurse without having a certificate of registration. **Nurses from other states desiring to practice must file application and fee for registration with the secretary of the board of registration within 30 days after entering the state.** No nurse shall continue to practice as a registered nurse without renewing his or her certificate or after his or her certificate shall have been revoked. All registrations which are now in effect shall continue for the terms for which they have been granted. A nurse who has received such certificate and pin shall be styled and known as a "Registered Nurse" and no other person shall assume such title, use the pin, the abbreviation "R.N." or any words, letters or figures to indicate that the person using the same is a registered nurse. Whoever violates any provision of this section or any provision of the 6 preceding sections, or wilfully makes a false representation to said board in applying for a certificate of registration, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, and shall have his or her certificate revoked: provided: that nothing in this section or in the 6 preceding sections shall apply to the acts of any person nursing the sick, who does not represent himself or herself to be a registered nurse. The board shall cause to be presented to the proper prosecuting officer evidence of any violation of this section or of the 6 preceding sections, and may incur any necessary expenses in the performances of this duty, which expenses shall be paid out of the receipts of said board.'