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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 835

S. P. 660

In Senate, March 23, 1935.

Reported by Sen. Burkett of Cumberland from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

NEW DRAFT OF S. P. 288, L. D. 270

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 to read as follows:

‘Sec. 20. Examinations; time; notice; eligibility; subjects; registration without examination. At each annual meeting and at such special meetings as said board may deem necessary to hold for that purpose, the board shall examine all applicants for registration, to determine their qualifications for the efficient nursing of the sick, and shall decide upon the qualifications of every such applicant and give notice of their decision within 3 months from the date of such examination. Notice of each meeting, whether annual or special, shall be given by publication at least 1 month previous to each meeting in such newspapers and nursing journals as the board may determine. Application for registration shall be made upon blanks furnished by the board and shall be signed and sworn to by applicant.

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 2 years high school education or its equivalent; **provided, however, that any applicant beginning training in an approved school as hereinafter provided after September 1, 1935, shall submit satisfactory evidence that he or she has graduated from a class A secondary school or has had education equivalent thereto.**
- (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.

The examination to be given shall be such as will determine the fitness of the applicant to practice professional nursing and shall include the subjects of practical nursing, anatomy, physiology, bacteriology, materia medica, dietetics, pediatrics, hygiene, medical, surgical, and obstetrical nursing, or in case of male nurses, genito-urinary, and any other subjects deemed by the board necessary to maintain proper standards. Any applicant passing said examinations, to the satisfaction of the board, shall receive a certificate of registration within 3 months of said examination.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 21, § 24, amended. Section 24 of chapter 21 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 24. Unlawful practice; penalty. Nurses who have not been registered as hereinbefore provided shall be known as practical nurses. No person shall practice professional nursing in this state as a registered nurse without having a certificate of registration. 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 other words, letters, or figures to indicate that the person using the same is a registered nurse. Whoever violates any provision of the 6 preceding sections or of this section or wilfully makes a false representation to said board in applying for a certificate of registration shall be punished by 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 performance of this duty, which expenses shall be paid out of the receipts of said board.'