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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Collins of Aroostook.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Creating a State Commission of Nursing Attendant Education.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 63-A, §§ 6, 7, additional.** Chapter 63-A of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 265 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 6 and 7, to read as follows:

**Sec. 6. Commission of nursing attendant education; membership, terms, etc.** There is hereby created a commission of nursing attendant education which shall consist of 7 members as follows: the commissioner of education, ex officio; commissioner of health and welfare, ex officio; a member of the board of registration of nurses or educational secretary of that board as designated by that board; a member of the Maine state nurses association, designated by that association; a member of the Maine hospital association, designated by that association; a member of the Maine medical association designated by the council of that association; a business or professional member, not a practitioner of the healing arts, to be appointed by the governor.

Those members of the commission who are not ex officio members shall be appointed for 3 year terms, except that the 1st members so designated

shall serve for staggered terms as follows: 2 for 3 years 1 of whom shall be the member appointed by the governor; 2 for 2 years, and 1 for 1 year. The terms of the remaining first members shall be determined by lot. Thereafter all terms shall be for a period of 3 years.

Sec. 7. Powers and duties of the commission. Said commission shall have the following powers and duties:

I. To divide the state into such regions, based upon areas to be served by the several state normal schools and teachers' colleges, as it deems proper.

II. To promote the establishment of regional nursing attendant school associations which will encourage the adoption and maintenance of training courses in the various institutions and agencies of such regions; to bring about uniformity in the regions and to prescribe by-laws and regulations for the composition and operation of such regional associations.

III. To determine when and if each region has sufficient cooperation from institutions and agencies therein to provide a course for nursing attendants.

IV. To determine what institutions and agencies are qualified to participate in providing such a course in accordance with the standards set up by the state board of registration of nurses under the provisions of this chapter for such teaching institutions or agencies.

V. To prescribe and supervise such a course of study and training as will meet the standards prescribed by the board of registration of nurses under the provision of this chapter and to prescribe other terms and conditions upon which students may receive such training in institutions and agencies.

VI. To counsel and cooperate with established boards which have related legal authority or responsibility.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 185, sub-§§ I and II, amended. Subsections I and II of section 185 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 379 of the public laws of 1945, are hereby amended to read as follows:

'I. They shall be devoted to the training of teachers for their professional labors and such other post high school work as may be deemed essential by the state normal school and teachers' college board, or such

courses of instruction in vocational education as are recommended by the vocational education board and are approved by the state normal school and teachers' college board. The provisions of section 188 shall apply only to the regular teacher education courses, and the state normal school and teachers' college board may in its discretion establish special tuition charges for other post high school work or vocational education.

II. The course of study shall be left to the discretion of this board, except that if a special commission is set up by law for any branch of vocational education, the course of such vocational studies and training shall conform with and be subject to the provisions of the law relating thereto.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 37, § 190-A, additional. Chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 190-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 190-A. Courses in nursing attendant education established. The state normal school and teachers' college board shall upon recommendation of the vocational education board establish in any of the state normal schools or teachers' colleges, in cooperation with the hospitals in the state, courses in nursing attendant education as provided in section 185 and in chapter 63-A.'

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$13,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950 and the sum of \$13,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951.