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of their histories, to celebrate any centennial or other anniversary of the settlement or incorporation of such city or town, and to publish the proceedings of any such celebration; to defray the expenses of the observance of memorial day, armistice day, or any other day set apart for patriotic commemoration, firemen's memorial Sunday, and of old home week; and a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars in any one town for erecting a suitable monument in memory of the soldiers and sailors who sacrificed their lives in defense of their country in the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and a reasonable sum to secure, grade and care for a lot appropriate for such a monument. They may also raise money to be expended for exterminating or controlling brown-tail and gipsy moths and other insect pests.'

Approved March 28, 1923.

Chapter 102.

An Act to Amend Sections Nineteen, Twenty-one and Twenty-two of Chapter Eighteen of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter One Hundred and Forty-eight of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to the Board of Registration of Nurses.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 18, sec. 19; P. L., 1917, c. 148; relating to organization, records, and duties of board of registration of nurses, amended. Section nineteen of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes as amended by chapter one hundred forty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen is hereby further amended by striking out the words "which may be renewed at the expiration of five years upon payment of one dollar to the secretary of the board" in the fifteenth and sixteenth lines thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'which shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of its issue, and renewable by the nurse at any time after the expiration of each such period, upon payment of one dollar to the secretary of the board,' so that the same shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 19. Certificate of registration valid for five years; may be renewed upon payment of \$1.00.** The board shall, at each annual meeting, elect from its number a president, and a secretary who shall also be treasurer. It shall elect one of its members as inspector of training schools for nurses. The board may adopt a seal and pin, which shall be placed in the care of the secretary, and may adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for the transaction of the business of the board and the government and management of its affairs, not inconsistent with the laws of this state and of the United States, as it may deem expedient. Three members of said board shall constitute a quorum; special meetings shall be called by the secretary upon request of any two members. The secretary shall keep a

record of all meetings of the board, including a register of the names of all nurses duly registered under sections twenty and twenty-one, which shall be open to the public at all reasonable times; he shall furnish a certificate of registration to each of such nurses, which shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of its issue, and renewable by the nurse at any time after the expiration of each such period, upon payment of one dollar to the secretary of the board; the applicant for renewal of a certificate shall give at least three months' notice, by registered letter, of the expiration of said certificate, and shall submit an affidavit showing his or her identity. The board shall submit to the governor on or before the first day of January in each year, a general statement of the work of the board for the year preceding, including therein a statement of the number of applications received during the year, the number approved, and the number rejected.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 18, sec. 21; P. L., 1917, c. 148; relating to registration without examination, amended. Section twenty-one of said chapter eighteen as amended by chapter one hundred forty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen is hereby amended by striking out in line one "any resident of the state twenty-one years of age or over" and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'any nurse twenty-one years of age or over, who shall have been a resident of the state not less than six months,' and inserting in line twelve thereof after the words "who has been registered" the words 'by examination,' and omitting in lines fifteen and sixteen the words "and which extends a similar privilege to nurses registered in this state," so that the same shall read as follows:

'Sec. 21. Applicant for registration must be a graduate nurse; reciprocity clause eliminated. Any nurse twenty-one years of age or over, who shall have been a resident of the state not less than six months, and of good moral character, applying for registration within two years from the third day of July in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, who shall, by affidavit or otherwise, show to the satisfaction of the board that he or she is a graduate of a training school for nurses, which gives at least a two years' course in a public or private hospital, where a general course of instruction is given, or that he or she was, on said third day of July, a student in such a training school for nurses, and afterwards was graduated therefrom, shall be eligible for registration without examination, within one year of graduation, upon the payment of a fee of five dollars. The board may register in like manner without examination, upon payment of a fee of like amount, any person who has been registered by examination as a professional nurse in another state under laws, which in the opinion of the board, maintain a standard substantially similar to that maintained in this state.'

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Sec. 3. R. S., c. 18; amended by adding new section. Chapter eighteen of the revised statutes as amended by chapter one hundred forty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen is further amended by adding thereto the following section:

'Public health nurse must be a registered nurse; special examination of public health nurses; public health nursing defined. Within a year of the passage of this act every nurse employed in any form of public health nursing, not already registered, as provided in section nineteen hereof, shall become registered in accordance with the provisions of this act, and her failure so to do shall terminate her said employment. No nurse shall be employed in any form of public health nursing until her qualifications for such work shall have been approved and certified by a committee composed of three registered nurses; one representing the state board of examiners for the board of nurses; one representing the public health nursing section of the Maine State Nurses Association and one the division of public health nursing of the state department of health, the members of said committee to be duly chosen by their several organizations. Public health nursing within the meaning of this section shall be deemed to include nursing done by any graduate nurse in any form of social work in which the health of the public is concerned, and in which her training as a nurse comes into play and is recognized as a valuable part of her equipment.'

Approved March 28, 1923.

Chapter 103.

An Act to Amend Section Forty-two of Chapter One Hundred and Seventeen of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter One Hundred and Seventy-three of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, and by Chapters Two Hundred and Fourteen and Two Hundred and Forty-one of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, and by Chapter Two Hundred and Nineteen of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-one, Relating to Salaries and Expenses of County Commissioners.

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

R. S., c. 117, sec. 42; P. L., 1917, c. 173; 1919, c. 214 and 241; 1921, c. 219; relating to salaries of county commissioners, amended. Section forty-two of chapter one hundred and seventeen of the revised statutes as amended by chapter one hundred seventy-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by chapters two hundred fourteen and two hundred forty-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen, as amended by chapter two hundred nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the words "York, eight hundred and fifty dollars," in the nineteenth line and inserting the following: 'Said salaries shall be in full for all