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Chapter 194

AN ACT Relating to Walks and Handrails on Railroad Bridges.

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

R. S., c. 46, § 75-A, additional. Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 75-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 75-A. Walks and handrails on railroad bridges. The Public Utilities Commission shall have the right, upon complaint and after hearing, to require any common carrier by railroad to equip their bridges and trestles with suitable walks and handrails if after such hearing the Public Utilities Commission finds that such walks and handrails are necessary for the safety of the public or railroad employees.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 195

AN ACT Relating to Certificate of Commitment to the State Hospitals.

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

R. S., c. 27, § 113-A, additional. Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 113-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 113-A. Certificate of commitment delivered in 10 days. Any certificate of commitment under the provisions of this chapter, except section 105, shall be delivered with the insane person to the Augusta or Bangor State Hospital within 10 days of the date of said certificate.

The Superintendents of said Hospitals shall not receive and detain any person upon a certificate dated more than 10 days in advance of the date of admission of said committed person to the hospital.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 196

AN ACT Revising Laws Relating to Registered Nurses and Practical Nurses.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 69, § 2, amended. The 8th sentence of the 1st paragraph of section 2 of chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Board, including a register of the names of all nurses duly registered under the provisions of sections 3 and 4, which shall be open to the public at all reasonable times; ~~he~~. He or she shall furnish a certificate of registration to each of such nurses, said certificate to be in force from the date of issue thereof until one year from and after the first day of the following January and may be renewed annually thereafter upon the payment of ~~\$1~~ \$2 to the secretary of the Board.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 69, § 2, amended. The last sentence of the 1st paragraph of section 2 of chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The Board may, for reason satisfactory to it, renew registrations after said December 31st, provided a fee of ~~\$1~~ \$2 shall have been paid for each year during which said nurse has not been registered.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 69, § 3, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 3 of chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The Board shall admit to examination for registration any applicant who shall pay a fee of ~~\$10~~ \$15 and submit satisfactory evidence that he or she:

I. Is more than 20 years of age and of good moral character;

II. Has had at least 2 years of 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;

III. Has completed a course of not less than 2 years in an accredited school or schools of nursing; ~~provided however, that~~ not less than one year thereof shall have been spent in the school of nursing from which she received her diploma.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 69, § 4, amended. Section 4 of chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 4. Registration without examination of nurses registered by other states; fee. The Board may register, without examination upon payment of a fee of ~~\$10~~ \$15, any person who has been registered by examination as a professional nurse in another state, territory or foreign country, if the Board finds that the applicant meets the qualifications required of registered nurses in this State.'

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 70, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Renewal of license. The license of every person licensed under the provisions of this chapter shall be in force from the date of issue until one year from and after the first day of the following July. Such license may be renewed ~~biennially~~ annually. On or before May 1st the Board shall mail an application for renewal of license to every person whose license is subject to renewal. The applicant shall fill in the application blank and return it to the Board with a renewal fee of \$1 before July 1st. Upon receipt of the application and fee, the Board shall verify the accuracy of the application and issue to the applicant a

certificate of renewal for the ~~biennium~~ year beginning July 1st and expiring June 30th. Any licensee who allows his or her license to lapse by failing to renew the license as provided ~~above~~ may be reinstated by the Board on satisfactory explanation of such failure to renew his or her license and on payment of all fees in arrears.'

Sec. 6. R. S., c. 70, § 4, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 4 of chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 59 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'I. Application for accreditation. Any person or persons desiring to conduct a school for training practical nurses shall apply to the Board and submit evidence of being prepared to give a course of not less than ~~9 months nor more than~~ 12 months and to meet the standards prescribed by the statutes and by the Board for the training of practical nurses.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 197

AN ACT Increasing Compensation of Boards of Registration in Cities.

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

R. S., c. 3, § 13, amended. The first sentence of section 13 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The chairman of the board shall receive ~~\$7~~ \$10 and the other 2 members of the board shall receive ~~\$6~~ \$9 each for every day that the board shall be in session for the revision and correction of the voting list and for completing the record thereof.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 198

AN ACT Relating to Costs in Actions on Small Claims.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 109, § 3, amended. The last sentence of section 3 of chapter 109 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The plaintiff or his authorized attorney shall at the same time pay an entry fee of ~~\$2~~ \$3.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 109, § 4, amended. Section 4 of chapter 109 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 4. Fees. Of the amount of the entry fee, the judge shall receive ~~75c~~ \$1. Of the ~~\$1.25~~ \$2.25 remaining a sufficient sum shall be applied directly on the