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B. College. Graduation from a recognized college or university, with at least a baccalaureate degree, with either a major in the field of nursing or with a major in education with advanced courses in nursing;

C. Status. The status of professional nurse licensed to practice in Maine;

D. Experience. At least 5 years' successful experience since graduation in administration or teaching in an educational program to prepare practitioners of nursing;

E. Practice. Three years in the active practice of professional nursing immediately preceding appointment.

Two professional nurse members shall qualify under paragraphs A, C and E.

2. Licensed practical nurse. The licensed practical nurse member shall possess the following qualifications:

A. Status. The status of practical nurse licensed to practice in Maine;

B. Practice. Three years in the active practice of practical nursing immediately preceding appointment.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA § 2154 is amended to read:

§ 2154. Qualifications of executive employee

The executive director shall meet all the qualifications for professional nurse board members required in section 2152 and shall, in addition, hold a master's degree from a recognized college or university with an educational preparation which shall have included courses in administration and teaching in schools of nursing.

Sec. 4. Transitional provisions. The positions and terms of current members of the State Board of Nursing shall not be affected by this Act.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 259

AN ACT to Provide for a Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the work load of the District Court is, because of increase, becoming pressing; and

Whereas, there is a necessity for good administration of the court's assignment of duties to member judges; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

4 MRSA § 157, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 5, is further amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences to read:

The Chief Judge, with the advice and consent of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, shall designate one of the District Court Judges as Deputy Chief Judge. The Deputy Chief Judge shall receive compensation of \$500 annually in addition to his annual salary as District Court Judge.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective May 12, 1975

CHAPTER 260

AN ACT Relating to the Prohibition Against Hitchhiking.

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

29 MRSA § 2188, first ¶ is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

It shall be unlawful for any person to hitchhike on the traveled portion of any public highway, on any portion of any limited access highway, including but not limited to the Maine Turnpike or on any portion of any public highway during the nighttime as defined in section 1252. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the solicitation of aid in the event of accidents or by persons who are sick or seeking assistance for the sick. The exception for sickness shall apply only in cases of bona fide sickness in which an emergency exists.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a municipality from regulating or prohibiting hitchhiking by appropriate ordinance on any public highway or portion thereof. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Department of Transportation from regulating and prohibiting hitchhiking on any state or state aid highway or portion thereof in the interest of safety at those locations where accident occurrence may be a problem, limited visibility exists, or severe traffic conflicts or other safety factors may occur.

Areas where hitchhiking has been regulated or prohibited shall be clearly identified by posted signs.

“Hitchhiking” as used in this section shall mean to endeavor by words, gestures or otherwise, to beg, invite or secure transportation in any motor vehicle not engaged in passenger carry for hire, unless said persons know the driver thereof or any passenger therein.

Effective October 1, 1975