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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
Augusta, Maine  
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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 14, 1985.

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## CHAPTER 360

H.P. 617 - L.D. 887

### AN ACT to Establish Special Motor Vehicle License Plates for Firefighters.

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

29 MRSA §252-C is enacted to read:

§252-C. Firefighters; special license plates

On the application of an active firefighter whose active status is certified to by the fire chief, assistant fire chief or acting fire chief of the fire department of the active firefighter, the Secretary of State shall issue a special registration plate designating the vehicle as belonging to an active firefighter. The Secretary of State may design this special registration plate which shall be numerical with the letters F F as a suffix. The special registration plate for firefighters may be used only on one motor vehicle whose registered gross weight shall not exceed 9,000 pounds.

An additional one-time fee of \$5 shall be charged for a plate under this section, other than the annual registration fee.

If a firefighter ceases to be an active firefighter, the fire chief shall notify the Secretary of State who shall recall the license plate.

Effective September 19, 1985.

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## CHAPTER 361

H.P. 1003 - L.D. 1445

### AN ACT to Require Recognition of Nursing Licenses Granted in other Jurisdictions.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2205 is repealed.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2205-A is enacted to read:

§2205-A. Licensure of persons licensed by another jurisdiction

The board may issue a license to practice professional nursing as a registered professional nurse under the following circumstances.

1. Applicants licensed by other states, United States territories and Canadian provinces. The board may issue a license without examination of the applicant by the board to an applicant licensed to practice by a state or territory of the United States or a province of Canada if the applicant:

A. Has graduated from an educational program approved by the official approving authority of a state or territory of the United States or a province of Canada, which at the time of graduation had standards considered by the board to be equivalent to those of Maine schools;

B. Has been duly licensed by examination by the nursing board of a state or territory of the United States or a province of Canada, provided that the examination is considered by the board to be equivalent in all essentials to Maine's examination and provided that the license of the applicant is in good standing and that there is no cause for suspension or revocation of that license. Acceptable examinations include the State Board Examination, State Board Test Pool Examination, the National Council Licensure Examination and the Canadian Nurses' Association Testing Service Examination; and

C. If licensed in the other jurisdiction by passing an examination in a language other than English, has passed the Test of English as a Foreign Language. The board shall provide information regarding the test to applicants who are required to take that test.

2. Applicants licensed by other jurisdictions. The board may issue a license to an applicant licensed to practice by a jurisdiction other than those listed in subsection 1, if the applicant:

A. Has graduated from an educational program approved by the official approving authority of a jurisdiction other than those listed in subsection 1, which at the time of graduation had standards considered by the board to be equivalent to those of Maine schools;

B. Has been duly licensed by examination by the nursing board of a jurisdiction other than those listed in subsection 1, provided that the examination is considered by the board to be equivalent in all essentials to Maine's examination and provided that the license of the applicant is in good standing and that there is no cause for suspension or revocation of that license;

C. Has passed the National Council Licensure Examination for registered nurses; and

D. If licensed in the other jurisdiction by passing an examination in a language other than English, has either passed the Test of English as a Foreign Language or fulfilled the requirements of paragraph C by passing a test given in English.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSa §2254 is repealed.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSa §2254-A is enacted to read:

§2254-A. Licensure of persons licensed by another jurisdiction

The board may issue a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse under the following circumstances:

1. Applicants licensed by other states, United States territories and Canadian provinces. The board may issue a license without examination of the applicant by the board to an applicant licensed to practice by a state or territory of the United States or a province of Canada if the applicant:

A. Has graduated from an educational program approved by the official approving authority of a state or territory of the United States or a province of Canada, which at the time of graduation had standards considered by the board to be equivalent to those of Maine schools;

B. Has been duly licensed by examination by the nursing board of a state or territory of the United States or a province of Canada, provided

that the examination is considered by the board to be equivalent in all essentials to Maine's examination and provided that the license of the applicant is in good standing and that there is no cause for suspension or revocation of that license. Acceptable examinations include the State Board Test Pool Examination, the National Council Licensure Examination and the Canadian Nurses' Association Testing Service Examination; and

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B. Has been duly licensed by examination by the nursing board of a jurisdiction other than those listed in subsection 1, provided that the examination is considered by the board to be equivalent in all essentials to Maine's examination and provided that the license of the applicant is in good standing and that there is no cause for suspension or revocation of that license;

C. Has passed the National Council Licensure Examination for practical nurses; and

D. If licensed in the other jurisdiction by passing an examination in a language other than English, has either passed the Test of English as a Foreign Language or fulfilled the requirements of paragraph C by passing a test given in English.