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## Chapter 69. Registration of Nurses.

**Editor's note.** — P. L. 1959, c. 303, repealing R. S. cc. 69, 70, provided in section 2 thereof as follows:

“Sec. 2. R. S., cc. 69, 70, repealed. Chapter 69 and 70 of the Revised Statutes, which relate to Registered Nurse and

Practical Nurses, as amended, are repealed, except as their continued effectiveness is required to permit the carrying out of the provisions of chapter 69-A, sections 3 and 6.”

**Secs. 1-8.** Repealed by Public Laws 1959, c. 303, § 2.

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## Chapter 69-A. Practice of Nursing.

**Sec. 1. Purpose.**—In order to safeguard the life and health of the people in this state, any person who for compensation practices or offers to practice professional nursing or practical nursing as a licensed practical nurse in this state shall hereafter be required to submit evidence that he or she is qualified so to practice, and shall be licensed as hereinafter provided. After December 31, 1961 it shall be unlawful for any person not licensed under this chapter to practice or to offer to practice professional nursing in this state; or to use any sign, card or device to indicate that such person is a professional registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse.

This chapter does not affect or prohibit the practice of practical nursing by any person not representing himself or herself to be a licensed practical nurse, nor does it affect or prohibit the employment of persons functioning under supervision as nursing aides, attendants, orderlies and other auxiliary workers in private homes, offices, hospitals, nursing or rest homes or institutions. (1959, c. 303, § 1.)

### **Sec. 2. Definitions.**—

**I.** “Board” means the state board of nursing.

**II.** The practice of “professional nursing” means the performance for compensation of any of the services which necessitate the specialized knowledge, judgment and skill required for the application of nursing as based upon principles of biological, physical and social sciences in the:

**A.** Observation and care of the ill, injured or infirm;

**B.** Maintenance of health or prevention of illness of others;

**C.** Supervision and teaching of other personnel;

**D.** Administration of medications and treatment as prescribed by a licensed physician or dentist. The foregoing shall not be deemed to include diagnosis of illness or the prescription of therapeutic or corrective measures.

**III.** The practice of “practical nursing” means the performance for compensation of services in the care of the ill, injured or infirm as selected by and under the direction of a registered professional nurse or a licensed physician or dentist which do not require the substantial specialized skill, judgment and knowledge required in professional nursing.

**IV.** A “license” is an authorization to practice nursing as a professional nurse or practical nurse designated thereon.

**V.** The terms “professional nurse,” “registered nurse” or “registered professional nurse” mean a person who is licensed under this chapter and who