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CHAPTER 290

AN ACT to amend 149.04, 149.045, 149.06 (3), 149.065 (2), 149.07, 149.08, 149.11 and 149.12 of the statutes, relating to the licensing of nurses, and providing a penalty.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 149.04 of the statutes is amended to read:

149.04 REQUISITES FOR EXAMINATION AS A REGISTERED NURSE. * * * *Any person* who is a citizen or who has legally declared her intention to become a citizen and of good moral character, who has graduated from a high school or its equivalent as determined by the board, who holds a diploma of graduation from an accredited school of nursing, * * * may apply to the department for registration as a registered nurse, and upon payment of \$25 shall be entitled to examination.

SECTION 2. 149.045 of the statutes is amended to read:

149.045 A citizen or an alien who has legally declared her intention to become a citizen, who is at least 18 years of age, of good moral character, who has completed 2 years of high school or its equivalent as determined by the board, and who has completed the work prescribed by an

accredited school for trained practical nurses approved by that board, which school shall be connected with an institution providing hospital facilities for the care of medical, surgical and obstetrical cases, may apply to the board for * * * *licensing* as a trained practical nurse, and upon the payment of \$15 shall be entitled to take an examination for such purpose. Any school for trained practical nurses, in order to be accredited, must offer a course of not less than 9 nor more than 12 months. The size or average daily census of an institution shall not be a determinative factor in qualifying a school for trained practical nurses. The board may, in its discretion, waive the requirement of attendance at such a school when it deems the applicant to have had comparable training.

SECTION 3. 149.06 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

149.06 (3) A registered nurse * * * practicing *for compensation* shall annually during January file with the department on furnished blanks a statement giving her name, residence and such other facts as the board requires, with a reregistration fee of * * * \$3.

SECTION 4. 149.065 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

149.065 (2) A licensed trained practical nurse * * * practicing *for compensation* shall file each July with the department, on blanks furnished by that department, a statement giving her name, residence and such other facts as the board may require, accompanied by a * * * *license renewal* fee of * * * \$3.

SECTION 5. 149.07 and 149.08 of the statutes are amended to read:

149.07 The board may revoke *or suspend* a certificate of registration of * * * a nurse * * * , *or license of a trained practical nurse, upon proof that the person was guilty of fraud in the procuring or renewal of such certificate or license, or has wilfully or repeatedly violated any of the provisions of this chapter, or is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habitual intemperance, addiction to the use of habit-forming drugs, mental incompetency or moral delinquency, or, in the case of a registered nurse, unprofessional conduct, upon notice in writing, addressed to the last post-office address shown on the records of the board specifying the charges, and time of hearing, not less than * * * 10 days after * * * mailing of the notice, and after hearing at which she shall have opportunity to produce testimony. A certificate or license revoked * * * may, after one year, upon application be regranted in the discretion of the board.*

149.08 Graduate nurses not registered in Wisconsin and who graduated from accredited schools * * * and who are * * * practicing *for compensation*, must have a permit from the board, for which \$2 shall be charged, to practice until she can qualify for registration.

SECTION 6. 149.11 and 149.12 of the statutes are amended to read:

149.11 The department shall enforce this chapter and cause the prosecution of persons violating it. It shall keep a register of the names and addresses of registered nurses and *a record of licensed trained practical nurses, which shall be open to the public at reasonable times; also a record of applications, and a detailed account of money received. The * * * director shall make an annual report to the governor of its proceedings under this chapter, including an itemized account of money received. Whenever requested by the board the director and employes shall furnish an official bond in such amount as the board may determine. The department may issue certified photostatic copies of records at cost.*

149.12 Any person violating this chapter shall be * * * *subject to punishment as provided in s. 353.27.*

Approved June 23, 1955.