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CHAPTER 456

AN ACT to amend 141.045 (1), (3) and (4) ; and to repeal and recreate 141.045 (2) and (5) of the statutes, relating to public health nurses.

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

SECTION 1. 141.045 (1), (3) and (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

141.045 (1) The qualifications of all public health nurses * * * hereafter entering such employment * * * shall be * * * *prescribed by rules adopted by the state board of health upon recommendation of a committee of 3 * * * members, one selected by the state board of health, one by the state board of nursing, and one by the state superintendent of public instruction. This committee shall be known as the certification committee for public health nurses. All public health nurses shall be registered nurses as provided in ch. 149, but practical nurses may be employed by health agencies under the supervision of a certified public health nurse to perform services for which licensed.*

(3) *Every agency employing one or more public health nurses * * * shall * * * submit a written report monthly * * * of work done on prescribed forms to the state board of health * * *. The state board of health * * * shall examine the report and make recommendations for the improvement and the development of the nursing service. This subsection shall not apply to cities of the first class.*

(4) The state board of health shall * * * *recommend other record and report forms * * ** and notify the nurses where they can be purchased.

SECTION 2. 141.045 (2) and (5) of the statutes are repealed and recreated to read:

141.045 (2) The state board of health, upon recommendation of the certification committee, shall issue certificates to nurses meeting such qualifications. It may issue temporary certificates to nurses in the process of meeting those qualifications.

(5) The state board of health may revoke or suspend a certificate of any public health nurse who has been guilty of unprofessional or dishonest conduct or is grossly incompetent, or whose certificate was obtained through error or fraud, or whose certificate as a registered nurse has been revoked or suspended. Except where the public health nurse's certificate as a registered nurse has been revoked or suspended, no certificate as a public health nurse shall be revoked or suspended until after a public hearing conducted by the state board of health. Written notice of such hearing shall be given to the public health nurse at least 10 days before the time fixed for such hearings.

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