

No. 73
AN ACT

SB 1194

Amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P. L. 317), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to the practice of professional nursing; providing for the licensing of nurses and for the revocation and suspension of such licenses, subject to appeal, and for their reinstatement; providing for the renewal of such licenses; regulating nursing in general; prescribing penalties and repealing certain laws," eliminating the age requirement.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 6, act of May 22, 1951 (P. L. 317), known as "The Professional Nursing Law," is amended to read:

Section 6. No application for licensure as a registered nurse shall be considered unless accompanied by a fee of ten dollars (\$10). Every applicant, to be eligible for examination for licensure as a registered nurse, shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board that he or she [is twenty (20) years of age or over,] is a citizen of the United States or has legally declared an intention to become such, is of good moral character, has completed work equal to a standard high school course as evaluated by the Department of Public Instruction, and has graduated from a school of nursing which gives at least a two (2) years' course of instruction, or has received instruction in different schools of nursing and in other approved agencies with which such schools are affiliated for periods of time amounting to at least a two (2) years' course of instruction, and has then graduated. Such school or combination of schools of nursing must be on the approved list issued by the Board, as hereinafter provided. The course of instruction shall include, (1) principles of nursing based on biological, physical and social sciences; (2) responsible supervision of a patient involving skill in observation of symptoms and reactions and the accurate recording of the facts and carrying out of treatments and medication prescribed by a licensed physician; and (3) the application of such nursing procedures as involve understanding of cause and effect in order to safeguard life and health of a patient and others.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 29th day of May, A. D. 1968.

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