

No. 2012-34

AN ACT

HB 469

Amending the act of March 2, 1956 (1955 P.L.1211, No.376), entitled "An act providing for and regulating the licensing and practice of practical nursing; imposing duties on the State Board of Nurse Examiners; and imposing penalties," further providing for violations.

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

Section 1. Section 14 of the act of March 2, 1956 (1955 P.L.1211, No.376), known as the Practical Nurse Law, amended December 20, 1985 (P.L.423, No.110), is amended to read:

Section 14. Violations.—(a) Except as otherwise herein provided, it shall be unlawful for any person, association, partnership, corporation or institution, after the effective date of this act, to

(1) Furnish, sell or obtain by fraud or misrepresentation a record of any qualification required for a license, or aid or abet therein;

(2) Use in connection with his or her name the words *nurse*, practical nurse, licensed practical nurse, or the letters "PN," or "LPN," or any designation tending to imply that he or she is a practical nurse, or licensed practical nurse, unless he or she is duly licensed to so practice under the provisions of this act, *except that the title "nurse" also may be used by a person registered under the provisions of the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as "The Professional Nursing Law"*;

(3) Practice practical nursing during the time his or her license issued under the provisions of this act is suspended or revoked;

(4) Practice practical nursing without a valid current license;

(5) To transfer, offer to transfer, or permit the use by another of any license issued under this act;

(6) To aid or abet any person to violate any provision of this act;

(7) Otherwise violate any of the provisions of this act.

(b) *Notwithstanding subsection (a), this section shall not prohibit the use by a person of a descriptive title for nurse assistive personnel. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "nurse assistive personnel" shall mean an individual providing health care services under the supervision of a professional or practical nurse.*

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 8th day of May, A.D. 2012

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