

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 1303 Session of  
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 27, 1993

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), entitled, as  
2 amended, "An act relating to the practice of professional  
3 nursing; providing for the licensing of nurses and for the  
4 revocation and suspension of such licenses, subject to  
5 appeal, and for their reinstatement; providing for the  
6 renewal of such licenses; regulating nursing in general;  
7 prescribing penalties and repealing certain laws," further  
8 providing for refusal, suspension or revocation of licenses.

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

11 Section 1. Section 14(a) of the act of May 22, 1951  
12 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, amended  
13 December 20, 1985 (P.L.409, No.109), is amended by adding a  
14 clause to read:

15 Section 14. Refusal, Suspension or Revocation of Licenses.--

16 (a) The Board may refuse, suspend or revoke any license in any  
17 case where the Board shall find that--

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19 ~~(9) The licensee has been guilty of unprofessional conduct~~

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1 ~~or such conduct as to require a suspension or revocation in the~~  
2 ~~public interest.~~

3 (9) THE LICENSEE HAS BEEN GUILTY OF IMMORAL OR <—  
4 UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT. UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT SHALL INCLUDE  
5 DEPARTURE FROM OR FAILING TO CONFORM TO AN ETHICAL OR QUALITY  
6 STANDARD OF THE PROFESSION. THE ETHICAL AND QUALITY STANDARDS OF  
7 THE PROFESSION ARE THOSE EMBRACED BY THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY  
8 IN THIS COMMONWEALTH. IN PROCEEDINGS BASED ON THIS CLAUSE,  
9 ACTUAL INJURY TO A PATIENT NEED NOT BE ESTABLISHED.

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