

**LICENSED NURSING ATTENDANTS REGISTRATION LAW**

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AN ACT

Relating to the registration and reregistration of nurses and licensed attendants by the State Board of Examiners for Registration of Nurses, and the issuance of a license to practice nursing; making the violation of the provisions of this act a misdemeanor, and providing penalties therefor.

**Compiler's Note:** Section 13 of Act 151 of 1974 provided that Act 280 is repealed insofar as it relates to the registration of registered nurses.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That all persons registered as registered nurses with the State Board of Examiners for Registration of Nurses, and all persons registered with said board as licensed attendants, shall in every year, following the passage of this act, during the month of January again cause his or her certificate to be recorded in the office of the State Board of Examiners for Registration of Nurses. The registered nurse shall pay to the said board a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for such reregistration, and the licensed attendant shall pay to the said board a fee of fifty cents (\$.50) for such reregistration.

Section 2. On or before the first day of November of each year, after the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, the secretary of the board shall mail to every registered nurse and licensed attendant in the State of Pennsylvania a blank application for reregistration, addressing the same in accordance with the post-office address given at the last previous registration. Upon the receipt of such application blank, which shall contain space for the insertion of his or her name, office or post-office address, date and number of his or her license, and such other information as the board may deem necessary, he or she shall sign same with his or her name in his or her own handwriting, and fill out the address and other blanks in his or her own handwriting, after which he or she shall forward such statement and application for renewal of his or her registration certificate to the secretary of the board, together with the fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for registered nurses or fifty cents (\$.50) for licensed attendants. Upon receipt of such application and fee, and having verified the accuracy of the same by comparison with the applicant's initial registration statements, the secretary of the board shall issue a certificate of registration, which shall render the holder thereof a legally qualified registered nurse or licensed attendant, as the case may be, for the ensuing year: Provided, however, That the said board may revoke any certificate of registration for sufficient cause in accordance with the rules and by-laws of the board and in the manner provided by law. Every license shall be issued by the board under seal, and shall be signed by the president and secretary of the board of examiners. Before any license is issued it shall be numbered and

properly recorded in the office of the board, and its number shall be noted in the license. The board shall license to practice nursing all registered nurses, practicing as such within the State of Pennsylvania on or before the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, who make application therefor prior to the first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and submit satisfactory evidence that he or she is at the time of the application therefor registered and legally authorized, in the manner now provided by law, to assume the title of registered nurse. The board shall license to care for the sick all licensed attendants, practicing as such within the State of Pennsylvania on or before the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, who make application therefor prior to the first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and submit satisfactory evidence that he or she is at the time of the application therefor registered and legally authorized, in the manner now provided by law, to assume the title of licensed attendant. These certificates of registration shall all bear date of September first of the year of issue, and shall expire on the thirty-first day of August in the year following. All nurses already registered in this State at the time of the passage of this act shall make application to the secretary of the board for the registration blank, upon receipt of which he or she shall, in like manner already described, make application for reregistration, forwarding to the secretary of the board the reregistration blank, properly filled in, accompanied by the fee of one dollar (\$1.00). All registered licensed attendants already registered in this State at the time of the passage of this act shall make application to the secretary of the board for the registration blank, upon receipt of which he or she shall, in like manner already described, make application for reregistration, forwarding to the secretary of the board the reregistration blank, properly filled in, and accompanied by the fee of fifty (\$.50) cents. Said application and fee must reach the secretary on or before the first day of December following the adoption of this statute. Should any registered nurse or licensed attendant continue to practice nursing and care of the sick beyond the thirty-first day of January without having registered as required by the provisions of this act, he or she shall be counted as an illegal practitioner, and his or her license may be suspended or revoked by the board of examiners. Any nurse or licensed attendant whose certificate is revoked because of failure to register as required by the provisions of this act shall be entitled to reinstatement as a registered nurse or licensed attendant, as the case may be, upon application made to the board, accompanied by the annual fee and by two affidavits as to good character made by a director of a training school for nurses and by a superintendent of a hospital recognized as such by the board. No person whose certificate has been suspended or revoked for failure to register shall thereafter practice as a trained, certified, graduate or registered nurse or licensed attendant nurse until he or she has been granted a license by the board, upon the application for reinstatement provided for above.

Section 3. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than fifty (\$50.00) dollars nor more than two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for each offense.

Section 4. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed as conferring any authority to practice medicine, or to undertake the treatment or cure of disease, in violation of the laws of the Commonwealth.