

employ an attorney and stenographer to assist in framing such charter, and any amendment or revision thereof, and their reasonable compensation and the cost of printing such charter, or any amendment or revision thereof, when so directed by the board, shall be paid by such city or village. The cost of preparation, printing, and legal services in framing and submitting such charter in the first instance shall not exceed \$1,500.

Approved April 19, 1947.

CHAPTER 407—S. F. No. 985

[Coded as Section 148.29]

An act relating to licensed practical nurses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

[148.28] Section 1. **Licensed practical nurses; definitions.**
As used in this Act:

(1). The term "Board" shall mean "Minnesota State Board of Examiners of Nurses", and for the purposes of this Act only, three additional members shall be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a doctor of medicine duly licensed and registered in this State, one of whom shall be an administrator or superintendent of a licensed hospital located outside of a city of the first class, and one of whom shall be a duly licensed and registered practical nurse, if and when qualified under the provisions of this Act. Each of said additional appointed members shall be appointed for a three-year term and hold office until their successors are appointed and duly qualified.

(2) The term "Licensed Practical Nurse", abbreviated L.P.N., shall mean "a person licensed by the Minnesota State Board of Examiners of Nurses to practice nursing".

(3) "The practice of nursing by a Licensed Practical Nurse" shall mean "the performing for compensation or personal profit, services required in the nursing care of the sick, not involving the specialized education, knowledge and skill required in professional nursing".

[148.291] Sec. 2. **Examinations.** Subdivision 1. **Qualifications.** An applicant for a license to practice nursing as a

Licensed Practical Nurse shall submit to the board written evidence on a form provided by the board, verified by oath, that the applicant:

- (1) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (2) Is of good moral character;
- (3) Is in good physical and mental health;
- (4) Has completed at least an Eighth Grade course of study in a grade school or its equivalent.
- (5) Has completed an accredited course of not less than nine months for the training of Licensed Practical Nurses or its equivalent, as determined by the board.

Subd. 2. Written; oral. The applicant shall be required to pass a written examination in such subjects as the board may determine within the scope of and commensurate with the work to be performed by a Licensed Practical Nurse. Each written examination may be supplemented by an oral or practical examination. Any applicant failing to pass such examination, may apply for re-examination. Upon passing such examination the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Subd. 3. License without examination. The board may issue a license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse without examination to any applicant who has been duly licensed or registered as a Licensed Practical Nurse or a person entitled to perform similar services under a different title, under the laws of another state, territory or foreign country, if, in the opinion of the board, the applicant has qualifications equivalent to the qualifications required in this state.

Subd. 4. Fee. The applicant applying for a license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse shall pay a fee of \$7.50 to the board. Any applicant applying for re-examination shall pay a fee of \$2.50.

[148.292] **Sec. 3. Determination of accredited course.** The Board shall determine and formulate what constitutes an accredited course and cause the same to be written and filed with the Secretary of the Board. The Board may amend said requirements from time to time and any such amendment shall also be written and filed with the Secretary of the Board. Upon the request of any hospital, within the State of Minnesota, the Secretary of the Board shall furnish and forward by mail a copy of said written requirements

constituting an accredited course and written amendments thereto.

[148.293] Sec. 4. **Misdemeanors; limitation.** It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to practice nursing as a Licensed Practical Nurse in this state unless such person shall have first obtained a license from the Board, but this Act shall not prohibit any person from nursing the sick for hire, who does not in any way assume or represent to be a "Licensed Practical Nurse"

[148.294] Sec. 5. **Annual registration.** Every Licensed Practical Nurse shall register annually during the month of December with the board and pay a fee of \$1.00.

Sec. 6. **Effective date.** This Act shall take effect August 1, 1947.

Approved April 19, 1947.

CHAPTER 408—S. F. No. 1015

An act relating to veterans service officer, providing for the payment of mileage and necessary traveling expenses of said officer, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 197.60, Subdivision 1.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 197.60, Subdivision 1, is amended to read as follows:

197.60. **Veterans service officers; appointment; compensation.** Subdivision 1. The county board of any county may appoint a veterans service officer and *may* provide necessary clerical help, office space, equipment, and supplies for him, *together with reimbursement for mileage and other traveling expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of his duties*; and may appoint one or more assistant veterans service officers who shall have the qualifications prescribed in section 197.601, subdivision 1. The assistant veterans service officer may exercise all the powers, and shall perform the duties, of the veterans service officer, subject to his direction and control, and shall be subject to all the provisions of sections 197.60 to 197.607 relating to a veterans service officer. Every county officer and agency shall cooperate with the veterans