
CHAPTER 240—H.F.No.784

An act relating to nursing; providing for continuing education; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Sections 148.191, Subdivision 2; and 148.231.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 148.191, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **PUBLIC HEALTH; REGISTERED NURSES; CONTINUING EDUCATION.** The board is authorized to adopt and, from time to time, revise such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the law, as may be necessary to enable it to carry into effect the provisions of sections 148.171 to 148.285. The board shall prescribe curricula and standards for schools and courses preparing persons for licensure under sections 148.171 to 148.285. It shall conduct or provide for surveys of such schools and courses at such times as it may deem necessary. It shall ~~accredit~~ approve such schools and courses as meet the requirements of sections 148.171 to 148.285 and of the board. It shall evaluate and approve courses for affiliation. It shall examine, license and renew the license of duly qualified applicants. It shall hold examinations at least once in each year at such time and place as it may determine. It shall by rule adopt and periodically revise, as necessary, requirements for licensure and for registration and renewal of registration as defined in section 148.231. It shall conduct hearings upon charges calling for discipline of a licensee or revocation of a license. It shall have power to issue subpoenas, and compel the attendance of witnesses, and administer oaths to persons giving testimony at hearings. It shall cause the prosecution of all persons violating sections 148.171 to 148.285 and have power to incur such necessary expense therefor. It shall keep a record of all its proceedings and make a biennial report to the governor on or before October 1 in each even-numbered year.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 148.231, is amended to read:

148.231 ADVISORY COUNCIL, CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS; REGISTRATION; NON-PRACTICING LIST. Subdivision 1. **REGISTRATION.** Except for a person whose name is on the non-practicing list as provided in this section, every person licensed to practice professional nursing as a registered nurse shall be registered—must also maintain with the board, a current registration for practice as a licensed registered nurse ; and in addition to the license, shall be issued a registration certificate for a calendar year. The registration shall which must be annually renewed at regular intervals stipulated by the board by rule for each calendar year and the board shall, on or before December 1 of each year, mail an application to such a licensee

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for renewal registration and such licensee shall on or before the last day of such calendar year after receipt of such application, fill in same and return it to the board with a registration fee of \$4. A penalty fee of \$2 shall be added for applications postmarked after the last day of such calendar year . Upon adoption by the board of rules and regulations establishing procedures and minimum requirements for successful completion of specified continuing education as hereinafter provided, no certificate of registration shall be issued by the board to a nurse until he or she has submitted satisfactory evidence of compliance with the procedures and minimum requirements established by the board.

The fee for periodic registration for practice as a registered nurse shall be determined by the board by rule. A penalty fee shall be added for any application received after the expiration date as specified by the board by rule. Upon receipt of the application and the fee-required fees , the board shall verify the accuracy of the application and the evidence of completion of continuing education requirements in effect, and thereupon issue to such applicant a certificate of renewal registration for the next calendar year-renewal period .

Subd. 2. ADVISORY COUNCIL. The board of nursing shall appoint an advisory task force on registration consisting of 15 members, to study procedures and requirements for continuing education for nurses, and to submit recommendations for rules to the board by January 1, 1977. The task force shall assist the board in evaluating the effects of the procedures and requirements and periodically recommending revision to the board. Members of the advisory council shall be registered nurses, no more than seven of whom shall live in Hennepin or Ramsey counties. At least three members from Hennepin and Ramsey counties and three of the other members shall be appointed by the board from lists submitted by professional nursing organizations in the state. Members of the task force shall be entitled to expenses in the same manner and amount as received by state employees. The task force shall expire January 1, 1978.

Subd. 3. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS. Not later than January 1, 1978 the board shall by rule promulgate and thereafter periodically revise as it deems appropriate rules for: (a) the type and amount of continuing education directly related to nursing required for a registered nurse as a qualification for licensure or any registration to practice as a registered nurse; and (b) the period of time authorized for applicants to meet the continuing education requirements. In establishing the rules, the board may differentiate in the type, amount, and period for meeting the continuing education required of applicants.

Subd. 2-4 . FAILURE TO REGISTER. Any person licensed under the provisions of sections 148.171 to 148.285 who fails to re-register within the period hereinbefore provided, shall be deemed delinquent and shall not be entitled to practice nursing in this state as a registered nurse, until an application for renewal registration has been filed with

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the board accompanied by ~~the~~ satisfactory evidence of compliance with the procedures and minimum requirements currently established by the board for continuing education and by a registration fee for each calendar year during which said applicant has been delinquent-failed to register , up to a maximum of ~~\$10~~ stipulated by the board by rule , and a certificate of re-registration issued to such person.

Subd. 3-5 . **NON-PRACTICING LIST; RE-REGISTRATION.** A person licensed under the provisions of sections 148.171 to 148.285 who desires to retire from practice temporarily, shall send a written notice to the board. Upon the receipt of such notice, the board shall place the name of such person on the non-practicing list. While so remaining on this list, the person shall not be subject to the payment of any fees, and shall not practice nursing in this state. When such person desires to resume practice he or she shall make application for re-registration , and submit satisfactory evidence of compliance with the procedures and minimum requirements established by the board for continuing education, and pay the ~~annual~~ registration fee for the current year-period to the board ; ~~and~~ . Thereupon, the registration certificate shall be issued to such applicant, and such person shall immediately be placed on the practicing list as a ~~licensed~~ registered nurse.

Subd. 4-6 . **FEE FOR LICENSE VERIFICATION.** A person licensed under the provisions of sections 148.171 to 148.285 who requests the board to verify such Minnesota license to another jurisdiction shall pay a fee of ~~\$5~~ to the board for each verification.

Approved June 2, 1975.

CHAPTER 241—H.F.No.866

An act relating to courts; setting the salaries for certain court reporters; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 486.05.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 486.05, is amended to read:

486.05 DISTRICT COURT; REPORTERS' SALARIES. The judge by an order filed with the county auditors on or before the second Monday in June, ~~1973-1975~~ , shall fix and establish the salary of the court reporter at an amount not exceeding ~~\$16,300~~ \$19,100 per year, and, in such order, each judge, except those judges in the second and fourth judicial districts, shall apportion the salaries of the reporters in their respective districts among the several counties, and each county shall be required by such order to pay a specified amount thereof in monthly installments, which shall be such proportion of the whole sal-

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