

adequate provision exists in law for reporting the presence of contagious disease among live stock, therefore this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved, February 18, 1915.

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## State Board of Nurse Examiners

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### CHAPTER 236.

[S. B. No. 48—Rowe.]

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#### NURSE EXAMINERS—BOARD OF.]

AN ACT Creating a Board of Nurse Examiners, Providing for the Appointment of Inspectors of Training Schools, and for the Examination, Registration and Regulation of Graduated Nurses, and Exempting Practical Nurses from Registration, and Prescribing the Course of Study and Standard for Training Schools and Prescribing a Penalty for the Violation Thereof.

*Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1. BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS; APPOINTMENT.] That a board to be known as the Board of Nurse Examiners of the State of North Dakota is hereby created and established. Said board shall be composed of five (5) members, appointed by the Governor of the state as hereinafter provided.

Upon taking effect of this Act, the North Dakota State Nurses' Association at the annual meeting shall nominate and submit to the Governor a list of ten graduated nurses from which appointment shall be made. Each nurse whose name is thus submitted, shall be at least twenty-five years of age, of good moral character and eligible to registration under the terms of this Act. There shall always be two of such members of the board selected from nurses who have had at least two years of experience in educational work among nurses, or who have had two or more years' experience in the instruction of nurses in training schools.

§ 2. TERM OF OFFICE; VACANCIES.] Each member of said board shall serve for a term of five (5) years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, except in the case of the first board, whose members shall hold office as follows: One (1) member for a period of one (1) year; one (1) member for a period of two (2) years; one (1) member for a period of three (3) years; one (1) member for a period of four (4) years; one (1) member for a period of five (5) years, the members and their respective terms to be designated by the Governor.

Vacancies in the said board shall be filled by the Governor in accordance with the provisions of this Act for the establishment of

the original board, and persons appointed to fill vacancies shall be selected from a list of three registered nurses submitted by the North Dakota State Nurses' Association, and shall hold office during the unexpired portion of the term for which their predecessors were appointed.

§ 3. ORGANIZATION OF BOARD; OFFICERS.] The members of said board shall, immediately after their appointment, meet for the purpose of organizing, and shall elect one of their number president, and shall also elect one of their number secretary, who shall also act as treasurer of said board. The secretary-treasurer shall give to the State Treasurer a bond for the faithful discharge of his or her duties in the penal sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be approved by the Governor. The board shall adopt an official seal which shall remain in the custody of the secretary; the secretary shall keep the records and minutes of all meetings of the board, and shall record in a suitable book the names of all nurses and training schools registered under this Act.

§ 4. COMPENSATION; DISPOSITION OF FEES; INSPECTOR OF TRAINING SCHOOLS.] Each member of said board shall receive five dollars (\$5.00) per day while actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of the duties of the office, which together with all the legitimate expenses incurred in the performance of such duties shall be paid from fees received by the board under the provisions of this Act, and no part of the expenses of said board shall at any time be paid out of the state treasury. The secretary shall receive extra compensation, not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per annum, payable quarterly. Any money in the hands of the treasurer at the end of any year, in excess of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) shall be paid over by the said board to the State Treasurer to be kept by him for the future maintenance of the board, and to be disbursed by him upon warrants signed by the president and treasurer of said board.

The board shall elect one of their members to act as inspector of training schools for nurses.

§ 5. SCHEDULE OF SUBJECTS.] Said board shall examine applicants for registration under this Act upon the following subjects: Anatomy and physiology, general medical nursing, obstetrics, materia medica for nurses, general surgical nursing, dietetics, sanitation and hygiene, contagion and diseases of children, bacteriology, ethics.

§ 6. DUTIES OF INSPECTOR OF TRAINING SCHOOLS. COURSE OF STUDY IN TRAINING SCHOOLS.] The member acting as inspector of training schools shall inspect all schools for nurses in North Dakota and shall report to the board such schools as shall provide courses of instruction both practical and theoretical in the subjects mentioned in Section 5 of this Act, except that in the subject of contagion the instruction may be theoretical only, and in addi-

tion such schools must have such daily average number of patients as may be determined by the Board of Nurse Examiners.

§ 7. REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING SCHOOL FOR REGISTRATION.] Any training school complying with the requirements herein mentioned shall be entitled to registration as an accredited school upon the payment of a fee of twenty-five dollars to the secretary of the board, *provided* that in the event that any such school shall subsequently become disqualified by failure to comply with the terms and conditions required upon registration, the board shall have the power to cancel their registration, and thereupon such school shall no longer be an accredited school under the provisions of this Act.

§ 8. MEETING OF BOARD OF EXAMINERS.] Such board shall hold two regular examinations in each year, and such additional meetings at such times and places as it may determine. Notices of such examination shall be published in at least two newspapers of general circulation in the state, and in at least one nursing journal, at least thirty days previous to such meeting, such notice shall be mailed to each person who has made application for examination under the provisions of this Act at least twenty days prior to such examination. Applications for examination must be in the hands of the secretary at least ten days prior to the date set for the examination.

§ 9. QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS.] Any person desiring to practice professional nursing in this state shall make application to said board as provided in Section 8 of this Act, and shall pay to the secretary at the time of making application for registration the sum of ten dollars as an examination fee, and shall present himself or herself at the next regular meeting of said board for the examination of applicants, and said board shall proceed to examine said applicant, and upon said board being satisfied that: (1) Said applicant is of the age of twenty-one years or over; (2) of good moral character; (3) has received the education required for admission into the high schools of the state, and (4) has graduated from a training school connected with a general hospital, where three years of training in a systematic course of instruction is given in the hospital, or has graduated from a training school in a hospital of good standing, supplying the systematic three years' training corresponding to the above standards, which training may be received in two or more hospitals; and providing that the results of the examination show a general average of seventy-five per cent. or more and not below sixty per cent. in any subject. said board shall enter the applicant's name in the register, hereinafter provided for, and shall issue to said person a certificate of registration authorizing said person to practice as a registered nurse.

§ 10. WAIVER. WHO MAY BE REGISTERED WITHOUT EXAMINATION.] All persons graduating prior to January 1st, 1917, possessing the above qualifications shall be permitted to register without examination upon the payment of registration fee. Nurses who shall show to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners that they

are graduates, prior to the year 1916, of a training school connected with a general hospital or sanitorium, giving two years' training: or prior to the year 1899, giving one year's training, and are engaged in the profession of nursing in the State of North Dakota at the date of the passage of this Act, or have been engaged in nursing five years after graduation prior to the passage of this Act, shall be entitled to registration without examination, provided such application be made before January 1st, 1917.

§ 11. RECIPROcity. APPLICANTS REGISTERED IN OTHER STATES.] The Board of Examiners may issue licenses without examination upon the payment of ten dollars registration fee to applicants who have been registered in other states in which the registration of this state is recognized and having equal registration requirements.

§ 12. On and after January 1st, 1917, all applicants for certificates of registration under the provisions of this Act, shall pass the examination required by the board, before receiving a certificate of registration.

§ 13. It shall be unlawful hereafter for any person to practice professional nursing as a registered nurse without certificate as herein provided for.

§ 14. CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION RECORDED; FEE.] Every person to whom a certificate of registration shall have been issued shall within thirty (30) days thereafter, cause the same to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the county in which such person resides, and shall pay to such Register of Deeds the required fee for recording the same, and said fee shall be turned into the general fund of the county.

§ 15. PRACTICAL NURSES EXEMPTED.] This Act shall not be construed to apply to gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family, nor to any practical nurse or person nursing the sick for hire who does not pretend to be a registered nurse.

§ 16. NAMES TO BE ENTERED ON REGISTER.] The board shall keep a register in which shall be entered the names of all persons to whom certificates are issued under this Act, and said register shall be at all times open to public inspection.

§ 17. REGISTERED NURSE.] A person who has received his or her certificate according to the provisions of this Act shall be styled and known as a "Registered Nurse." No other person shall assume such title or use the abbreviation R. N., or any other letters or figures to indicate that he or she is a registered nurse.

§ 18. BOARD MAY REVOKE CERTIFICATE FOR CAUSE.] The board shall have the power to revoke any certificate issued by said board in accordance with the provisions of this Act for the following causes: Gross incompetency, dishonesty, or any act derogatory to the morals or standing of the profession of nursing as may be determined by the board; *provided* that such revocation shall only be made upon specific charges in writing, under oath, filed with the secretary and by a majority of the whole board, a certified

copy of such charges and thirty days' notice of the hearing of the same having been personally served upon the holder of such certificate. Said board shall be authorized to furnish a list of the names and addresses of those whose certificates have been revoked to the board of examiners of other states upon the written request of such board.

§ 19. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.] Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act, or who shall willfully make a false representation to the Board of Examiners in applying for a certificate shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) and not less than ten dollars (\$10).

Approved, March 9, 1915.

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## STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

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### CHAPTER 237.

[H. B. No. 361—Committee on Education.]

#### CREATING A BOARD OF REGENTS.

AN ACT Creating a Board of Regents for the State University, the State Agricultural College, the Normal Schools, the School of Science, the Normal and Industrial School, the School of Forestry, and such State Educational Institutions as may be Hereafter Established, to Prescribe its Powers and Duties, to Provide for the Management and Control of the State Educational Institutions, to Provide an Appropriation to Carry out the Purposes of the Act, and Repealing all Acts or Parts of Acts in Conflict or Inconsistent Therewith.

*Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1. STATE BOARD OF REGENTS, INSTITUTIONS UNDER ITS CONTROL.] A Board of Regents of state educational institutions, to be officially known as the State Board of Regents, consisting of five members, is hereby created for the general control and administration of the following state educational institutions:

1. The State University and School of Mines, at Grand Forks, with their sub-stations.
2. The State Agricultural College and Experiment Station, at Fargo, with their sub-stations.
3. The School of Science, at Wahpeton.
4. The State Normal Schools at Valley City, Mayville and Minot.
5. The Normal and Industrial School, at Ellendale.
6. The School of Forestry, at Bottineau.