WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1937

ENROLLED

SENATE BILL No. 170

(By Mr. Allen)

PASSED March 13th, 1937

In Effect 90 days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section five, article seven, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, relating to the registration and training of nurses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section five, article seven, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 5. An accredited school for nurses within the meaning of this article is defined to be one connected with a hospital having a daily average of at least fifteen patients,
which requires its pupil nurses in training to have had at least four years of high school education, or three years of high school work after graduation from a standard junior high school, and to have received a diploma or certificate of graduation from a standard high school in this state, or from a high school outside this state having equal standards, grades and requirements; which does not send out its pupil nurses for private duty; which employs regularly at least one registered nurse; and which provides for its pupil nurses a three years' continuous theoretical and practical course of training in bedside nursing, except for a vacation not to exceed four weeks each year, and a substantial course of training in each of the subjects named in the preceding section upon which applicants for certificates are to be examined by the board of examiners for nurses. Practical bedside nursing shall include the care of medical and surgical patients, male and female, obstetrical patients and children.

If a school for nurses is unable to give a full three years' course, but provides a two years' course and otherwise meets the requirements of an accredited school, it may affiliate
for a third year’s training with an accredited three-year school which complements the training of the first by sup-
plying the courses which the first lacks. An applicant who
has completed a full three years’ course by attendance in
two such affiliated schools may, in the board’s discretion,
be treated as a graduate of an accredited school. A hos-
pital which gives training to pupil nurses along special
lines may, under the supervision of the board, be accredited
for its particular service as an affiliated school.

Any school for nurses to receive credit under this article
shall maintain accurate and current records showing in full
the theoretical and practical courses of instruction given
to each pupil, and shall maintain healthful and comfortable
living conditions for the pupils. Schools may only give
advance credit to pupils transferring from accredited
schools, and then only upon a certificate from the school
from which the pupil is transferred, evidencing the good
standing of the pupil at the time of transfer.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the _________________________________.

Takes effect _________________________________.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within __________________________ this the __________________________ day of __________________________, 1937.

Governor

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Wm. S. O'BRIEN,
Secretary of State