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(By Mr. Allen)



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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
2 meaning of this article is defined to be one connected with
3 a hospital having a daily average of at least fifteen patients,

4 which requires its pupil nurses in training to have had at
5 least four years of high school education, or three years of
6 high school work after graduation from a standard junior
7 high school, and to have received a diploma or certificate
8 of graduation from a standard high school in this state,
9 or from a high school outside this state having equal stand-
10 ards, grades and requirements; which does not send out its
11 pupil nurses for private duty; which employs regularly
12 at least one registered nurse; and which provides for its
13 pupil nurses a three years' continuous theoretical and prac-
14 tical course of training in bedside nursing, except for a
15 vacation not to exceed four weeks each year, and a sub-
16 stantial course of training in each of the subjects named
17 in the preceding section upon which applicants for certifi-
18 cates are to be examined by the board of examiners for
19 nurses. Practical bedside nursing shall include the care of
20 medical and surgical patients, male and female, obstetrical
21 patients and children.

22 If a school for nurses is unable to give a full three years'
23 course, but provides a two years' course and otherwise meets
24 the requirements of an accredited school, it may affiliate

25 for a third year's training with an accredited three-year
26 school which complements the training of the first by sup-
27 plying the courses which the first lacks. An applicant who
28 has completed a full three years' course by attendance in
29 two such affiliated schools may, in the board's discretion,
30 be treated as a graduate of an accredited school. A hos-
31 pital which gives training to pupil nurses along special
32 lines may, under the supervision of the board, be accredited
33 for its particular service as an affiliated school. 

34 Any school for nurses to receive credit under this article
35 shall maintain accurate and current records showing in full
36 the theoretical and practical courses of instruction given
37 to each pupil, and shall maintain healthful and comfortable
38 living conditions for the pupils. Schools may only give
39 advance credit to pupils transferring from accredited
40 schools, and then only upon a certificate from the school
41 from which the pupil is transferred, evidencing the good
42 standing of the pupil at the time of transfer.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

W. B. Gathright

Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

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The within *Approved* this the *18th*

day of *March*, 1937.

James A. Holt

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