

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1951

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SENATE BILL NO. 37

(By Mr. Allen)

PASSED February 6 1951

In Effect Ninety days from Passage



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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, as last amended by chapter ninety-six, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-five, relating to licensing and registration 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, as last amended by chapter ninety-six, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-five, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 5. *Renewal of License; Reinstatement; Fees Required; Penalties.*—The license of every nurse regis-

3 tered in this state shall be annually renewed except as
4 hereinafter provided. On or before January first, one
5 thousand nine hundred fifty-two, the board shall mail an
6 application for renewal of license to every known, active,
7 nurse who has ever been licensed as a nurse in West
8 Virginia. At such time or times as the board may in its
9 discretion determine each year thereafter, the board
10 shall mail a renewal application to every nurse whose
11 license was renewed during the previous year and each
12 such nurse shall fill in such application blank and return
13 it to the board with a renewal fee of one dollar within
14 thirty days after receipt of said renewal application: *Pro-*
15 *vided, however,* That said renewal fee of one dollar may
16 be increased to such amount, but not to exceed five dol-
17 lars, as the board may fix with the concurrence of a
18 majority of the registered nurses practicing the nursing
19 profession in the State of West Virginia at the time any
20 such increase is made effective. Upon receipt of the ap-
21 plication and fee the board shall verify the accuracy of
22 the application and issue to the applicant a certificate of
23 renewal for the current year. Such certificate of renewal

24 shall render the holder thereof a legal practitioner for
25 the period stated on the certificate of renewal. Any li-
26 censee who allows his or her license to lapse by failing
27 to renew the license as provided above may be rein-
28 stated by the board on satisfactory explanation for such
29 failure to renew his or her license and on payment of a
30 reinstatement fee of two dollars to the board. Any per-
31 son practicing nursing during the time his or her license
32 has lapsed shall be considered an illegal practitioner and
33 shall be subject to the penalties provided for violation of
34 this article. A person licensed under the provisions of
35 this article desiring to retire from practice temporarily
36 shall send a written notice to the board. Upon receipt of
37 such notice the board shall place the name of such person
38 upon the nonpracticing list. While remaining on this
39 list the person shall not be subject to the payment of any
40 renewal fees and shall not practice nursing in the state.
41 When the person desires to resume practice, application
42 for renewal of license and payment of the renewal fee for
43 the current year shall be made to the board.

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

John W. Dysed
Chairman Senate Committee

James W. Loop
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect *thirtiety days from* passage.

Howard Meyer
Clerk of the Senate

J. B. Cluff
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Walter A. Houston
President of the Senate

W. E. Kanney
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *APPROVED* this the *14th*
day of *FEBRUARY*, 1951.

Clay L. Patton
Governor.



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of West Virginia

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D. PITT O'BRIEN,
SECRETARY OF STATE