

Bill No. 27 of 1947.

A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF
NURSING AIDES

NOTE.

The purpose of this Bill is to provide for the training and licensing of nursing aides.

A nursing aide is defined as a person who, being neither a registered nurse nor a person in training to be a registered nurse at an approved school of nursing, undertakes the care of patients for remuneration.

An Advisory Council is provided for in section 4 consisting of two specified officers of the Department of Public Health, and four representatives appointed by the organizations specified in the section.

Sections 5 and 6 prescribe the duties and powers of the Advisory Council, those contained in section 5 being subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Section 7 provides for the appointment of a Registrar-Consultant and other officers and section 8 sets out the duties of the Registrar-Consultant.

Section 9 deals with the establishment of schools of training, etc., for nursing aides and authorizes the Minister of Health, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, to make arrangements for the establishment of one or more central schools and the appointment of teachers, etc., also to arrange with hospitals for the training of nursing aides.

Section 10 authorizes the making of regulations by the Minister, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Section 12 enables a nursing aide to collect through the Courts for services rendered.

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(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

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(Assented to _____, 1947).

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Nursing Aides Act.*"
2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - (a) "Certificate" means the certificate issued to identify those who have passed the required examination as a nursing aide or have met the requirements of the regulations made under this Act;
 - (b) "Council" means the Advisory Council constituted under the provisions of this Act;
 - (c) "Minister" means the Minister of Health;
 - (d) "Nursing aide" means a person who, being neither a registered nurse nor a person in training to be a registered nurse at an approved school of nursing, undertakes the care of patients for remuneration;
 - (e) "Regulations" means regulations made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council pursuant to the provisions of this Act;
 - (f) "School" means a school in which the theoretical portion of a nursing aide's training is provided.
3. If working under a medical practitioner or employed by an approved institution, a nursing aide may render the services for which she has been trained as herein provided.
- 4.—(1) There shall be an Advisory Council which shall have the powers and duties hereinafter set out and which shall consist of the Medical Inspector of Hospitals, who shall act as chairman, the Superintendent of the Public Health Nursing Branch of the Department of Public Health, and four other members who shall be representatives respectively of and appointed by,—
 - (a) the Associated Hospitals of Alberta;
 - (b) the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses;
 - (c) the Vocational Training Advisory Council;
 - (d) the licensed nursing aides.
- (2) In the event that any organization mentioned in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of subsection (1) fails to appoint a representative, the Minister may do so.

(3) The representatives on the Advisory Council referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d), of subsection (1) shall hold office until replaced at the pleasure of the organization which has appointed them.

5. Subject to the provisions of this Act and the regulations and to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Council,—

- (a) shall have general supervision of the curriculum, and shall prescribe the courses of training and studies in the school or schools and the examination of students in attendance thereat;
- (b) shall be responsible for deciding what applicants may be admitted to the schools in accordance with the regulations;
- (c) may make arrangements with any hospital for students at the school to obtain clinical experience and other training as may be required and shall thereupon designate the hospital in which a student nursing aide may obtain her clinical experience, and prescribe the length of time to be spent by the student nursing aide in obtaining that experience;
- (d) may suspend or cancel certificates in accordance with the regulations.

6. Subject to the provisions of this Act and the regulations, the Council,—

- (a) shall prescribe the form of certificate issued and all other forms required under this Act;
- (b) may consider reports, suggestions, complaints, or other representations made to it by any person concerning this Act or the administration thereof, including the operation of the schools; and make such recommendations to the Minister with respect thereto as it shall deem advisable;
- (c) may make recommendations to the Minister for making, rescinding or amending regulations;
- (d) may make recommendations to the Minister regarding the Registrar-Consultant and his duties;
- (e) shall make reports to the Minister when required to do so;
- (f) shall meet as provided by the regulations.

7. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a Registrar-Consultant and such other officers, clerks and employees as may be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

8. The Registrar-Consultant shall,—

- (a) consult with certified nursing aides and student nursing aides as they may require, advise them as to their problems, and offer to them such guidance as from his knowledge and experience he may deem advisable;

- (b) when requested by the Council, inspect the schools and any hospital with which the Council has made arrangements under the provisions of section 5 and report thereon as may be required;
- (c) keep a register of duly enrolled certified nursing aides;
- (d) perform all duties required under this Act with respect to the registration of certificates, the enrolment of certified nursing aides, the collection of fees, and other like matters;
- (e) issue certificates to those passing the required examinations;
- (f) perform such other reasonable duties as may be required of him by the Council.

9. The Minister, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may,—

- (a) arrange for the establishment of one or more central schools for the training of student nursing aides, may appoint such teachers therein as may be deemed necessary and advisable, and may set a tuition fee;
- (b) arrange with any hospital or hospitals for the training of nursing aides, including such training that otherwise would be given at the central schools;
- (c) enter into an agreement or agreements with the Government of Canada to assist in the operation of this Act.

10. The Minister, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may make such regulations and orders not inconsistent with this Act as are considered necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act according to their obvious intent, or to meet any cases which arise and for which no provision is made in this Act; and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, may make regulations,—

- (a) respecting the procedure to be followed by the Council in the investigation of complaints and the suspension or cancellation of certificates under paragraph (d) of section 5;
- (b) respecting the requirements for admission to a school as a student;
- (c) respecting the fees to be charged by certified nursing aides for services performed by them;
- (d) respecting the services which a nursing aide may be permitted to give;
- (e) respecting the granting of certificates to those persons practising as nursing aides prior to the coming into force of this Act.

11. Applicants wishing to enter schools for the training of nursing aides shall meet the requirements of the regulations.

12. Every certified nursing aide may collect through processes of law for any nursing services which she has rendered.

13. The expenditures incurred in respect of the administration and enforcement of this Act or the regulations shall be payable out of such sums as may be appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose.

14. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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