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BILL 36

A Bill respecting the Training of Psychiatric and
Mental Deficiency Nurses

HON. DR. ROSS

Explanatory Note

1. This Act is a revision of The Psychiatric Nurses Training Act (chapter 251 of the Revised Statutes).

2. Definitions. The definition of "mental deficiency nurse" is new.

3. Sections 3 and 4 of the present Act read as follows:

3. There is hereby constituted an advisory committee consisting of the Director of the Division of Mental Health, who shall be chairman, the Medical Superintendent and the Superintendent of Nurses of the Provincial Mental Hospital, the Provincial Mental Institute, and any other hospital operating a school, and a representative appointed by the Alberta Psychiatric Nurses' Association.

4. (1) The committee shall meet at such times and at such places as may be fixed from time to time by the chairman.

(2) Three members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(3) In the absence of the chairman the committee may appoint a member to act as deputy chairman, and the member thus appointed may perform all the powers and functions of the chairman.

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(Assented to _____, 1966)

HER 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 Psychiatric Nursing
Training Act*".

2. In this Act,

- (a) "committee" means the advisory committee constituted under section 3;
- (b) "mental deficiency nurse" means a person to whom a certificate in mental deficiency nursing has been issued in accordance with the regulations;
- (c) "psychiatric nurse" means a person to whom a certificate in psychiatric nursing has been issued in accordance with the regulations;
- (d) "school" means an institution approved by the committee for the training of persons in psychiatric nursing or mental deficiency nursing.

3. (1) There is hereby constituted an advisory committee consisting of

- (a) the Director of Mental Health, who shall be chairman,
- (b) the Assistant Director of Mental Health,
- (c) the Medical Superintendents and Directors of Nurses of
 - (i) the Alberta Hospital, Edmonton,
 - (ii) the Alberta Hospital, Ponoka, and
 - (iii) the Alberta School Hospital, Red Deer,
- (d) a representative appointed by the Alberta Psychiatric Nurses' Association,
- (e) a representative appointed by the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses,
- (f) a representative appointed by the Alberta Hospital Association, and
- (g) a representative appointed by the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

4. Section 5 of the present Act reads as follows:

5. The committee shall perform such duties and functions in respect of the training and qualifying of persons to become psychiatric nurses and the practice of persons who have become psychiatric nurses as the Minister may prescribe by regulations made hereunder.

5. Cancellation of certificates. This is a new section.

6. The present section 6 revised.

(2) In the absence of the chairman, the Assistant Director of Mental Health may act as chairman, and in so doing may exercise all the powers and duties of a member of the committee and the chairman of the committee.

(3) Six members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

4. (1) The committee shall perform such duties and functions, as may be prescribed by the regulations, in respect of

- (a) the training of and qualification of persons to become psychiatric nurses,
- (b) the training of and qualification of persons to become mental deficiency nurses, and
- (c) the qualification of persons to become psychiatric nurses or mental deficiency nurses by the recognition of equivalent training obtained outside the Province.

(2) A certificate in psychiatric nursing or in mental deficiency nursing shall be issued only to a person found by the committee to be qualified to receive that certificate.

5. (1) Where, after an inquiry, the committee is satisfied there is good and adequate cause for so doing, it may order the cancellation of a certificate in psychiatric nursing or a certificate in mental deficiency nursing, and the certificate shall be cancelled forthwith.

(2) A person whose certificate is ordered cancelled may appeal on originating notice to the Supreme Court within thirty days of the service on him of notice of the order or within such further time as a judge of the Supreme Court may order.

(3) A person appealing against an order of the committee shall serve notice of the appeal upon the chairman of the committee within the time limited for appeal.

(4) The judge, upon hearing the appeal, may make an order either confirming or reversing the order of the committee appealed against.

6. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations in respect of

- (a) the duties and functions of the committee,
- (b) the qualifications to be required of those entering a school,
- (c) the courses of study to be adopted in schools,
- (d) the examinations to be taken by persons studying in schools and the conduct of such examinations,
- (e) the issuing of certificates to those who have taken the required courses of study and who have passed the examinations,

7. Repeal of chapter 251 of the Revised Statutes.

8. Commencement of Act.

- (f) the procedure on investigations and the cancellation of certificates,
- (g) the granting of certificates to persons practising as psychiatric nurses before the first day of April, 1955,
- (h) the granting of certificates to persons practising as mental deficiency nurses before the first day of July, 1966, and
- (i) any other matters pertaining to the training of and qualification of persons as psychiatric nurses or mental deficiency nurses.

7. (1) This Act repeals and replaces *The Psychiatric Nurses Training Act*.

(2) Any certificates issued under *The Psychiatric Nurses Training Act* and still subsisting shall be deemed to be issued under this Act.

8. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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