

Bill No. 7 of 1941.

A BILL TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE
REGISTERED NURSES ACT

NOTE.

This Bill amends and consolidates *The Registered Nurses Act*.

Section 4 prescribes qualifications for membership in the Association.

Section 5 gives the Association control of its constitution by authorizing the Association in general meeting to pass by-laws which, among other things, empower the Association to deal with the election of a Council which, by section 6, is given the management and control of the business of the Association.

Section 7 gives the Senate of the University of Alberta control over standards of training in hospitals approved by it and the appointing of a Board of Examiners from persons nominated by the Council.

Section 8 makes it an offence for a person who is not a member of the Association to use the designation of "Registered Nurse" or the initials "R.N."

Section 9 continues in force the principal provisions of the former Act until the first general meeting of the Association, which must be called within twelve months from the date of the passing of this Act.

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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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No. 7 of 1941.

An Act to amend and consolidate The Registered
Nurses Act.

(Assented to _____, 1941.)

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 Registered Nurses Act, 1941.*"

2. The Alberta Association of Registered Nurses heretofore constituted and the members thereof are hereby continued as a body corporate and politic under the same name (hereinafter called the "Association"), and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to acquire, hold and dispose of real and personal property for the purposes of the Association and to sue and be sued.

3. Every person whose name is now or shall hereafter be registered in "The Alberta Nurses' Register" shall be a member of the Association.

4. Every person shall be eligible for membership in the Association upon payment of the proper fees in that behalf, not exceeding ten dollars, who,—

(a) holds a high school graduation diploma granted by the Department of Education of the Province of Alberta, disclosing successful completion of courses in Chemistry II and either Physics II or Biology, or has an equivalent educational standing;

Provided that any person admitted prior to the first day of June, A.D. 1942, to a course of hospital training leading to membership in the Association shall be eligible if such person, having otherwise complied with the requirements of this Act, has passed the Grade XI examinations of the Department of Education for the Province of Alberta or has the equivalent educational standing;

(b) has received at least three years' training in medical, surgical and obstetrical work at a general hospital or hospitals approved by the Senate of the University of Alberta, or shall have received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing from a recognized university;

- (c) has passed such qualifying examinations as may be set by the Board of Examiners appointed as hereinafter provided;

Provided that the Council may direct any person to be registered as a member of the Association upon payment of the proper fees in that behalf who is a registered nurse in good standing under the law of any other province, state or country, upon the Senate of the University of Alberta certifying that the standard of qualification for registration under such law is at least equivalent to that required under this Act where such person has become a registered nurse under such law after the thirty-first day of December, A.D. 1943, and where such person has become a registered nurse as aforesaid prior to that date upon the Senate of the University of Alberta certifying that the standard of qualification for registration under such law is at least equivalent to that heretofore required by *The Registered Nurses Act*, being chapter 210 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, as amended by *The Registered Nurses Act Amendment Act, 1934*, being chapter 40 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1934.

5.—(1) The Association in general meeting may pass by-laws not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or of any Act or regulation of the Province of Alberta respecting,—

- (a) the election of the Council and officers of the Association;
- (b) the time, place and conduct of the annual and other meetings of the Association;
- (c) the management of its property and affairs and its own internal organization and administration including the formation, government management and dissolution of district associations;
- (d) the maintenance of the Association and the fixing and collecting of annual and other fees payable by the members of the Association and by district associations;
- (e) the admission and registration of members and their government and discipline including suspension and expulsion;
- (f) the issue of certificates of registration and annual certificates to members of the Association and the revocation thereof.

(2) The Association may also amend, alter or repeal any by-law.

6.—(1) The business of the Association shall be managed and transacted by a Council elected as provided in the by-laws of the Association.

(2) The Council shall cause to be kept and continued by a registrar the book or register known as "The Alberta

Nurses Register" in which shall be entered the name of every person who is a member in the Association, and such other records as may be required; provided that the Council may direct that the name of any member who has been expelled from membership or whose certificate of registration has been revoked shall be erased.

(3) When the Council directs the erasure from the register of the name of any person the name of that person shall not again be entered on the register except by direction of the Council.

7. The Senate of the University of Alberta shall,—

- (a) determine the standards of training in hospitals approved by it as hereinbefore provided with regard to the bed capacity of such hospitals, classes, lectures, courses of studies, and other matters requisite for efficient training;
- (b) withdraw its approval of any hospital in which such standards are not consistently maintained;
- (c) determine such matters of an educational character as may be referred to it by the Council for decision;
- (d) appoint a Board of Examiners from names nominated thereto by the Council.

8.—(1) Every member of the Association shall have the right during the continuance of her membership and so long as she is in good standing to use the designation "Registered Nurse" and to use after her name the initials "R.N."

(2) Any person not a member of the Association in good standing who takes or uses the designation of "Registered Nurse" or the initials "R.N." either alone or in combination with other words or any other words, letters or description implying such person is registered under this Act or is entitled to be registered under this Act or is recognized by law as a registered nurse shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable upon summary conviction before a police magistrate or justice of the peace to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars and costs for each offence and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month.

(3) The Council may expend money in prosecuting violations of this Act.

(4) In any prosecution under this Act the certificate of the registrar that any person is or is not a member in good standing of the Association shall be *prima facie* evidence of such fact without proof of the fact that the person signing the same occupies the position which she purports to occupy.

(5) Every prosecution under this Act shall be commenced within twelve months from the date of the alleged offence.

9. A general meeting of the Association shall be held and convened by the Council within twelve months from the date of the coming into force of this Act and until such general meeting sections 5 to 32 (both inclusive) of *The Registered Nurses Act*, being chapter 210 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, as amended by *The Registered Nurses Act Amendment Act, 1934*, being chapter 40 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1934, and the existing by-laws of the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses shall be and continue to be the constitution of the Association. At any general meeting a quorum shall be the number of members actually present in person or by proxy.

10. Subject to the provisions of the next preceding section *The Registered Nurses Act*, being chapter 210 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, and *The Registered Nurses Act Amendment Act, 1934*, being chapter 40 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1934, are hereby repealed.

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

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The Registered Nurses Act.

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