

HOUSE No. 592

By Mr. Birmingham of Boston, petition of Beatrice M. Gavin and others that applications for registration as nurses be received from United States citizens only. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-One.

An Act requiring Applicants for Registration as Nurses to be Citizens of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section seventy-four of chapter one hundred and
2 twelve of the General Laws is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the word "is" in the seventh line
4 the words:— a citizen of the United States,— so
5 as to read as follows:— *Section 74.* The board of
6 registration of nurses, herein and in the seven fol-
7 lowing sections called the board, shall hold exami-
8 nations for the registration of nurses and shall give
9 notice of the times, places and subjects of such ex-
10 aminations, by publication in one or more news-
11 papers in each county. Applications for registration,
12 signed and sworn to by the applicant, shall be made
13 on blanks furnished by the board. An applicant
14 who furnishes satisfactory proof that he is a citizen
15 of the United States, at least twenty-one, of good

16 moral character and a graduate of a training school
17 for nurses approved by the board, shall, upon pay-
18 ment of five dollars, be examined by the board, and,
19 if found qualified, shall be registered, with a right
20 to use the title registered nurse and to practice as
21 such, and shall receive a certificate thereof from the
22 board, signed by its chairman and secretary. An
23 applicant failing to pass an examination satisfac-
24 tory to the board shall be entitled, within one year
25 thereafter, to a re-examination at a meeting of the
26 board called for the examination of applicants, with-
27 out the payment of an additional fee. Every per-
28 son registered hereunder who continues to hold him-
29 self out as a registered nurse shall, on or before
30 December thirty-first in each year, renew his regis-
31 tration for the ensuing year by payment of fifty
32 cents to the board, and thereupon the board shall
33 issue a certificate showing that the holder thereof
34 is entitled to practice as a registered nurse for the
35 period covered by said payment. In default of such
36 renewal, a person registered hereunder shall forfeit
37 the right to practice as a registered nurse or to hold
38 himself out as such until such fee shall have been
39 paid. The board may, after a hearing, by vote of
40 a majority of its members, annul the registration
41 and cancel the certificate of any nurse; and, without
42 a hearing, may annul the registration and cancel the
43 certificate of a nurse who has been found guilty of
44 a crime.

