

HOUSE No. 1791

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Alfred M. Bessette of New Bedford, for a Bill authorizing the Board of Registration in Nursing to register certain persons who are twenty years of age as registered nurses, and to license certain persons who are nineteen years of age as attendants, during the existing state of war (Senate, No. 491). May 25.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Three.

AN ACT TEMPORARILY REDUCING THE AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION AS NURSES AND FOR LICENSES AS ATTENDANTS.

1 *Whereas*, The acute shortage of registered nurses
2 and licensed attendants in the commonwealth during
3 the existing emergency makes it necessary that this
4 act become effective without delay, therefore it is
5 hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary
6 for the immediate preservation of the public health,
7 safety and convenience.

*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 1. The minimum age prescribed by sec-
2 tion seventy-four of chapter one hundred and twelve
3 of the General Laws for applicants for registration
4 as nurses is hereby changed from twenty-one years

5 to twenty years, and the minimum age prescribed by
6 section seventy-four A of said chapter one hundred
7 and twelve for applicants for licenses as attendants is
8 hereby changed from twenty years to nineteen years.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall apply only to applicants
2 for registration as nurses or for licenses as attendants
3 during the existing war between the United States
4 and any foreign country, and to applicants therefor
5 after the termination of said war who shall have
6 matriculated during said war in an approved school
7 for nurses or an approved school for attendants, as
8 the case may be.