

SENATE No. 491

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, May 18, 1943.

The committee on Public Health, to whom was referred the message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation lowering the age required for registration of trained nurses from twenty-one to twenty and to license attendants at the age of nineteen instead of twenty (House, No. 1701), report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 491).

For the committee,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT 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.

1 *Whereas*, By reason of the existing state of war
2 there exists an acute shortage of registered nurses
3 and licensed attendants, and

4 *Whereas*, It is necessary immediately to alleviate
5 such shortage as provided herein, therefore it is
6 hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary
7 for the immediate preservation of the public health,
8 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of
2 chapter one hundred and twelve of the General Laws,
3 during the existing state of war the board of registra-
4 tion in nursing may examine and register as a regis-
5 tered nurse any applicant who is twenty years of age,
6 who complies with the other pertinent provisions of
7 said chapter.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of
2 chapter one hundred and twelve of the General Laws,

3 during the existing state of war the board of registra-
4 tion in nursing may examine and license as an attend-
5 ant any applicant who is nineteen years of age, who
6 complies with the other pertinent provisions of said
7 chapter.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall cease to be operative
2 upon the termination of the existing state of war
3 between the United States and any foreign country.

