

HOUSE No. 1084

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

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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 the
4 words:— a citizen of the United States,— so as to
5 read as follows:— *Section 74.* The board of regis-
6 tration of nurses, herein and in the seven following
7 sections called the board, shall hold examinations for
8 the registration of nurses and shall give notice of the
9 times, places and subjects of such examinations, by
10 publication in one or more newspapers in each county.
11 Applications for registration, signed and sworn to by
12 the applicant, shall be made on blanks furnished by
13 the board. An applicant who furnishes satisfactory
14 proof that he is a citizen of the United States, at least
15 twenty-one, of good moral character and a graduate
16 of a training school for nurses approved by the board,

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

