

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NURSING
LEVERETT SALTONSTALL BUILDING, GOVERNMENT CENTER
100 CAMBRIDGE STREET, BOSTON 02202, OCTOBER 25, 1972

Honorable John F. X. Davoren, *Secretary of the Commonwealth*,
State House, Boston, Massachusetts

DEAR SIR: — On behalf of the Board of Registration in Nursing I am forwarding herewith a recommendation for legislative action along with a draft of the bill reflecting this recommendation. The Board recommends:

That Sections 74 and 74A of Chapter 112 of the General Laws be amended to remove the requirement that certificates of registration for registered nurses and certificates of licensure for practical nurses must be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Registration in Nursing. The Board issues almost 6,000 original registrations and licenses per year. The requirement for signatures is cumbersome, impedes automation, and delays the issuance of original certificates. There is no such requirement on renewal certificates. With removal of the requirement for signatures on original certificates, the same certificate can be used for both original and renewal licenses.

Enclosed with this letter is the drafted legislation which has been reviewed by Mr. Alan Posner, legal assistant to the Secretary of Consumer Affairs, William Cowin.

Sincerely yours,

MARY A. BAROLI, R.N.
Executive Secretary

Recommendation of the Board of Registration in Nursing (House, No. 155). Social Welfare.

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

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES OF LICENSURE ISSUED TO REGISTERED NURSES AND TO LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES CONTAIN THE SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NURSING.

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. Section 74 of Chapter 112 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking out the words "signed by its
3 chairman and secretary" in the third sentence.

1 SECTION 2. Section 74A of Chapter 112 of the General
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3 chairman and secretary" in the third sentence.