

By Mr. Bartley of Watertown, petition of John C. Bartley and Joan M. Menard relative to providing reciprocity of Canadian nurse licensure in the Commonwealth. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING RECIPROCITY OF CANADIAN NURSE LICENSURE IN MASSACHUSETTS.

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

- 1 Chapter 112 of the General Laws as appearing in the 1986
- 2 Official Edition is hereby amended by inserting after section 76A
- 3 the following section:
- 4 Section 76B — (1) Any person who has taken and passed the
- 5 Canadian Nursing Board Examination before 1970 and meets the
- 6 eligibility requirements of 800 hours of clinical study and 267
- 7 hours of theoretical study shall be eligible to take the MCLEX
- 8 Examination in this Commonwealth, (2) any person who has
- 9 taken in English and passed the Canadian Nursing Board
- 10 Examination achieving a score greater than 400; and meets the
- 11 eligibility requirement of 800 hours clinical study and 267 hours
- 12 of theoretical study shall be deemed to have met the standard
- 13 substantially the same as those of this Commonwealth for nurses
- 14 or practical nurses, as the case may be, and shall be licensed in
- 15 this Commonwealth without examination and (3) persons meeting
- 16 the requirements of (2) above, but who took the Canadian Nursing
- 17 Examination in French may be licensed in like manner if they have
- 18 taken the English Proficiency Examination, as required by the
- 19 board, and attain a score of 550 or greater.

