

By Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston (by request), petition of Perlie L. Davenport for an amendment of the law relative to the registration of nurses in respect to the qualifications of applicants. Public Health. Jan. 18.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight.

An Act relative to the Qualifications of Applicants for Registration as Nurses.

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 seventy-four of chap-
2 ter one hundred and twelve of the General
3 Laws is hereby amended by striking out the
4 words " approved by the board " in lines eight
5 and nine, and inserting in their place the
6 words: — which gives a full three years' course
7 of instruction in connection with a legally char-
8 tered hospital of a capacity of not less than fifty
9 beds, supplying general medical, general surgi-
10 cal, and obstetrical services,—so as to read as
11 follows:—The board of registration of nurses,
12 herein and in the seven following sections called
13 the board, shall hold examinations for the regis-
14 tration of nurses and shall give notice of the
15 times, places and subjects of such examinations,

16 by publication in one or more newspapers in
17 each county. Applications for registration,
18 signed and sworn to by the applicant, shall be
19 made on blanks furnished by the board. An ap-
20 plicant who furnishes satisfactory proof that he
21 is at least twenty-one, of good moral character
22 and a graduate of a training school for nurses,
23 which gives a full three years' course of instruc-
24 tion in connection with a legally chartered hos-
25 pital of a capacity of not less than fifty beds,
26 supplying general medical, general surgical,
27 and obstetrical services, shall, upon payment of
28 five dollars be examined by the board, and, if
29 found qualified, shall be registered, with a
30 right to use the title registered nurse and to
31 practice as such, and shall receive a certificate
32 thereof from the board, signed by its chairman
33 and secretary. An applicant failing to pass an
34 examination satisfactory to the board shall be
35 entitled, within one year thereafter, to a re-
36 examination at a meeting of the board called
37 for the examination of applicants, without the
38 payment of an additional fee. Every person
39 registered hereunder who continues to hold
40 himself out as a registered nurse shall, on or
41 before December thirty-first in each year,
42 renew his registration for the ensuing year
43 by payment of fifty cents to the board, and
44 thereupon the board shall issue a certificate
45 showing that the holder thereof is entitled to
46 practice as a registered nurse for the period
47 covered by said payment. In default of such

48 renewal, a person registered hereunder shall
49 forfeit the right to practice as a registered
50 nurse or to hold himself out as such until such
51 fee shall have been paid. The board may, after
52 a hearing, by vote of a majority of its members,
53 annul the registration and cancel the certificate
54 of any nurse; and, without a hearing, may
55 annul the registration and cancel the certificate
56 of nurse who has been found guilty of a crime.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon
2 its passage.

