Sec. 3. Section 5, chapter 142, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as last amended by section 11, chapter 167, Laws of 1982 and RCW 41.60.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Until June 30, 1985, administrative expenses of the board in administering this chapter shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars per year ((and)). After June 30, 1985, such expenses shall not exceed the revenue transferred to the department of personnel service fund under RCW 41.60.041(5) and 41.60.120. Administrative expenses shall be paid from the department of personnel service fund.

Sec. 4. Section 17, chapter 167, Laws of 1982 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

There is appropriated from the department of personnel service fund to the department of personnel for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the productivity board. ((Funds expended under this section shall not exceed the revenue to the department of personnel service fund under sections 4 and 9 of this act.))

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 55
[Engrossed House Bill No. 63]
LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES—STANDARDS—REGULATION

AN ACT Relating to practical nurses; amending section 1, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 1, chapter 79, Laws of 1967 and RCW 18.78.010; amending section 2, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as amended by section 2, chapter 79, Laws of 1967 and RCW 18.78.020; amending section 3, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.78.030; amending section 4, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 45, chapter 34, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 18.78.040; amending section 5, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 64, chapter 158, Laws of 1979 and RCW 18.78.050; amending section 6, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 26, chapter 292, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 18.78.060; amending section 7, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.78.070; amending section 10, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 66, chapter 158, Laws of 1979 and RCW 18.78.090; amending section 11, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as amended by section 1, chapter 68, Laws of 1971 and RCW 18.78.100; amending section 12, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as amended by section 46, chapter 34, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 18.78.110; amending section 17, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.78.160; amending section 18, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as amended by section 5, chapter 79, Laws of 1967 and RCW 18.78-.170; amending section 7, chapter 79, Laws of 1967 and RCW 18.78.175; amending section 6, chapter 79, Laws of 1967 as amended by section 2, chapter 68, Laws of 1971 and
RCW 18.78.182; adding new sections to chapter 18.78 RCW; repealing section 13, chapter 222, Laws of 1949, section 47, chapter 34, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 18.78.120; repealing section 14, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.78.130; repealing section 15, chapter 222, Laws of 1949, section 60, chapter 81, Laws of 1971 and RCW 18.78.140; and repealing section 16, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.78.150.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is added to chapter 18.78 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The purpose of this chapter is to protect the health of the general public and to provide for the establishment and enforcement of standards for licensing practical nurses. Any person offering to practice as a licensed practical nurse in this state shall be licensed as provided in this chapter.

Sec. 2. Section 1, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 1, chapter 79, Laws of 1967 and RCW 18.78.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, the following words and phrases as hereinafter used in this chapter shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Board" shall mean "Washington state board of practical ((mrse examiners)) nursing."
(2) "Curriculum" means the theoretical and practical studies which must be taught in order for students to meet the minimum standards of competency as determined by the board.
(3) "Director" shall mean "director of licensing."
(4) "Licensed practical nurse," abbreviated "L.P.N.," ((shall)) means ((--))a person licensed by the board to practice practical nursing.((--))
(5) "Licensed practical nurse practice" shall mean (("the performing for compensation, services required in the nursing care of the ill, injured or infirm, under the direction of a licensed physician and surgeon, osteopathic physician and surgeon, dentist, chiropodist, or under the direction and supervision of a licensed registered professional nurse and not involving the specialized education, knowledge, skill and exercise of independent judgment required in professional nursing.")) the performance of services requiring the knowledge, skill, and judgment necessary for carrying out selected aspects of the designated nursing regimen under the direction of a licensed physician and surgeon, dentist, osteopathic physician and surgeon, or podiatrist or at the direction and under the supervision of a registered nurse.
(6) "Supervision" shall mean the critical evaluation of acts performed with authority to take corrective action, but shall not be construed so as to require direct and bodily presence.

Sec. 3. Section 2, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as amended by section 2, chapter 79, Laws of 1967 and RCW 18.78.020 are each amended to read as follows:
There is hereby created a board to be known and designated as the "Washington state board of practical ([nurse-examiners]) nursing." The board shall be composed of five members, appointed by the governor as follows:

1. Two members shall be licensed registered ([professional]) nurses (having had) who have no less than five years' experience in the practice of nursing, one of whom shall be a registered nurse actively engaged in instructing in an approved practical nursing course, and one of whom shall be a registered nurse ([experienced in instructing in an approved practical nursing course]) supervisor of licensed practical nurses;

2. One registered professional nurse who is actively engaged in the supervision of an approved program for practical nursing) There shall be one public member who does not derive his or her livelihood primarily from the provision of health services and is not:
   (a) A present or former member of another licensing board;
   (b) A licensed health professional; or
   (c) An employee of a health care facility;

3. Two members shall be licensed practical nurses([at least twenty-three years of age,]) who shall have had not less than ([three]) five years' actual experience as a licensed practical nurse and who have ([completed an approved course in practical nursing]) practiced as a practical nurse within two years of appointment.

Sec. 4. Section 3, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.78.030 are each amended to read as follows:

On the effective date of this 1983 act, the members of the ([first]) board shall be appointed to serve as follows:

1. One ([professional nurse and one]) licensed practical nurse for a term of five years;

2. One ([practical]) registered nurse for a term of four years;

3. One ([professional nurse and one supervisor of]) licensed practical nurse([s for terms of three years each]) for a term of three years;

4. One registered nurse for a term of two years; and

5. One public member for a term of one year.

Thereafter all appointments shall be for terms of five years each. Vacancies occurring on the board shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the governor, who also may remove any member from the board for neglect of duty required by law, or for incompetency or unprofessional or disorderly conduct.

Sec. 5. Section 4, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 45, chapter 34, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 18.78.040 are each amended to read as follows:

(Notifier the board shall have jurisdiction over the practical nurses of the state of Washington as distinguished from the registered professional nurses in all matters relating to practical nursing:)) Each board member shall receive
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((twenty-five)) fifty dollars for each day engaged in the discharge of his or her duties as a member of the board, and shall be paid travel expenses while away from home in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended. The members of the board shall appoint a chairman and a secretary from among its entire members, who shall serve until his or her successor is appointed by the board.

Sec. 6. Section 5, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 64, chapter 158, Laws of 1979 and RCW 18.78.050 are each amended to read as follows:

The board shall conduct examinations for all applicants for licensure under this chapter and shall certify qualified applicants to the ((business and professions administration in the)) department of licensing((, those applicants duly qualified)). The board shall also determine and formulate what constitutes the curriculum for an approved practical nursing course, the same to be written and filed with the secretary of the board. The board may amend said requirements from time to time and any such amendment shall also be in writing and filed with the secretary of the board. Upon request of any hospital or other agency within the state of Washington, the secretary of the board shall furnish and forward by mail a copy of said written requirements constituting an approved course, and any written amendments thereto) program preparing persons for licensure under this chapter. The board shall establish criteria for licensure by endorsement. The board or an administrative law judge appointed under chapter 34.12 RCW may conduct hearings for the suspension or revocation of licenses.

The board shall adopt such rules as are necessary to fulfill the purposes of this chapter pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. There is added to chapter 18.78 RCW a new section to read as follows:

If in the opinion of the board the curriculum of a program of practical nursing meets the requirements of the board, the program shall be approved.

All approved practical nursing programs in the state shall be surveyed and the board shall review written reports of each survey. The surveys shall be conducted periodically as determined by the board. If the board determines that an approved practical nursing program is not maintaining the curriculum standards required for approval, the board shall give written notice specifying the deficiencies. Failure to correct the deficiencies within a period of time specified by the board shall result in the suspension of the program's approval.

Sec. 8. Section 6, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 26, chapter 292, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 18.78.060 are each amended to read as follows:
An applicant for a license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse shall submit to the board written evidence, on a form provided by the board, verified under oath, that the applicant:

1. Is at least eighteen years of age;
2. Is of good moral character;
3. Is of good physical and mental health;
4. Has completed at least a tenth grade course or its equivalent, as determined by the board;
5. Has completed an approved program of not less than nine months for the education of practical nurses, or its equivalent, as determined by the board.

To be licensed as a licensed practical nurse, each applicant shall be required to pass an examination in such subjects as the board may determine within the scope of and commensurate with the work to be performed by a licensed practical nurse. Any applicant failing to pass such an examination may apply for reexamination. Upon passing such examination as determined by the board, the director shall issue to the applicant a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse, providing the license fee is paid by the applicant and the applicant meets all other requirements of the board.

Sec. 9. Section 7, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.78.070 are each amended to read as follows:

The director may issue a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse without examination to any applicant who has been duly licensed as a licensed practical nurse by examination under the laws of another state or territory or foreign country if, in the opinion of the board, the applicant has qualifications equivalent to the qualifications required in this state, and who establishes evidence thereof. An applicant graduated from a nursing program outside the United States and licensed by a country outside the United States shall meet all qualifications required by this chapter and by the board and shall pass an examination to be determined by the board.

Sec. 10. Section 10, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 66, chapter 158, Laws of 1979 and RCW 18.78.090 are each amended to read as follows:

Every licensed practical nurse in this state shall renew the license with the department of licensing on or before the first day of March, and shall pay a fee determined by the director as provided in RCW 43.24.085 as now or hereafter amended upon the license of such
person shall be renewed for a period of one year). Any failure to register and pay the annual renewal registration fee shall render the license invalid, but such license shall be reinstated upon written application therefor (to the business and professions administration) and upon payment to the state of a penalty fee determined by the director as provided in RCW 43.24.085 as now or hereafter amended, together with all delinquent annual license renewal fees.

Sec. 11. Section 11, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as amended by section 1, chapter 68, Laws of 1971 and RCW 18.78.100 are each amended to read as follows:

After consultation with the board, the director shall appoint (a supervisor of practical nurse education who shall act as an executive to the board) an executive secretary of the board to carry out the provisions of this chapter (and) who shall have the following qualifications:

1. Be a registered professional nurse in the state of Washington;
2. Be the holder of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university or college four-year institution of higher education;
3. Have not less than five years' experience in the field of nursing; and
4. Have not less than two years' experience in nursing education.

Sec. 12. Section 12, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as amended by section 46, chapter 34, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 18.78.110 are each amended to read as follows:

The director shall fix the compensation and provide for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended for (said supervisor of practical nurse education) the executive secretary of the board and shall provide such clerical assistance as said director may deem necessary.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. There is added to chapter 18.78 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The department shall deny, revoke, or suspend a license on a recommendation of the board based upon any of the following findings that the applicant or licensee:

1. Procured or attempted to procure the license by fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation;
2. Pleaded guilty to any gross misdemeanor or felony involving drugs or was convicted of any felony relating to the person's practice as a practical nurse;
3. Is habitually intemperate in the use of drugs, controlled substances, or any other substance which impairs the performance of the person's practical nursing duties;
4. Distributed drugs for illegitimate purposes;
5. Removed drugs from the supply of an institution or patient for the person's own use or for any other improper purpose;
(6) Exhibits behavior which may be due to poor physical or mental health which creates an undue risk that the person, as a practical nurse, would cause harm to him or herself or other persons;

(7) Had a practical nursing license revoked or suspended and not reinstated in any state, territory, or possession of the United States or in any foreign country;

(8) Committed gross negligence in nursing practice;

(9) Engaged in any act inconsistent with good practical nursing practice;

(10) Knowingly engaged in any act which at the time it was committed was beyond the scope of that person's nursing practice according to rules adopted under this chapter; or

(11) Wilfully violated any of the provisions of this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.

Upon the board's recommendation, the department shall reissue a license that has been revoked or suspended under this section. Application for the reissuance of a license shall not be considered within one year after revocation and shall be made in a manner the board may specify.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. There is added to chapter 18.78 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Hearings under this chapter shall be held at locations determined by the board. Testimony by deposition may be admitted under rules adopted by the board.

The board shall file a copy of its decision and order, including its findings of fact and conclusions of law, with the department. A written order of license revocation or suspension signed by the chairman of the board or the director and stating the grounds for revocation or suspension shall be served on the licensee.

Sec. 15. Section 17, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.78.160 are each amended to read as follows:

This chapter shall not be construed as conferring authority to practice medicine or surgery, or to practice as a registered nurse, or to undertake the treatment or cure of disease, pain, injury, deformity or physical condition; nor shall it be construed ((as prohibiting the care of the sick when done in connection with the practice of religious tenets of any church by adherents thereof, in caring for adherents thereof or caring for a patient of any drugless doctor)) to prohibit:

1. The incidental care of the sick by domestic servants or persons primarily employed as housekeepers, if they do not practice practical nursing within the meaning of this chapter;

2. The domestic administration of family remedies or the furnishing of nursing assistance in case of emergency;

3. Practical nurse practice by students enrolled in approved schools if incidental to their course of study, nor shall it prohibit these students from working as nursing aides;
(4) Auxiliary services provided by persons performing duties necessary for the support of nursing service including those duties which involve minor nursing services for persons performed in hospitals, nursing homes, or elsewhere under the direction of licensed physicians or the supervision of registered nurses;

(5) The practice of nursing in this state by a practical nurse legally qualified in another state or territory of the United States whose engagement requires the person to accompany and care for a patient temporarily residing in this state during the period of one engagement not to exceed six months, if the person does not represent himself or herself as a nurse licensed to practice in this state;

(6) Nursing or care of the sick, with or without compensation, when done in connection with the practice of the religious tenets of any church by its adherents if they do not engage in practical nurse practice as defined in this chapter; or

(7) The practice, while in the course of official duties, of any legally qualified practical nurse of another state who is employed by the United States government or any of its bureaus, divisions, or agencies.

Sec. 16. Section 18, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as amended by section 5, chapter 79, Laws of 1967 and RCW 18.78.170 are each amended to read as follows:

It shall be a gross misdemeanor for any person to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse in this state unless such person shall have first obtained a license from the board ((provided, That no person shall represent himself or herself to be a "licensed practical nurse," abbreviated L.P.N.(c))).

Sec. 17. Section 7, chapter 79, Laws of 1967 and RCW 18.78.175 are each amended to read as follows:

If any person engages in licensed practical nurse practice without possessing a valid license so to do, (or if a person violates the provisions of RCW 18.78.130(c)) the attorney general, any prosecuting attorney, the board, the director, or any citizen (of the same county) may maintain an action in the name of the state to enjoin such person from engaging in licensed practical nurse practice. The injunction shall not relieve from criminal prosecution, but the remedy by injunction shall be in addition to the liability of such offender to criminal prosecution (and to suspension or revocation of his or her license).

NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. There is added to chapter 18.78 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Reported violations of this chapter shall be investigated by the department or the board, as appropriate. If the department or board finds that a violation has occurred, it may report its finding to the prosecuting attorney
for the county in which the violation took place for prosecution. The department shall also report a finding of violation to the board.

Sec. 19. Section 6, chapter 79, Laws of 1967 as amended by section 2, chapter 68, Laws of 1971 and RCW 18.78.182 are each amended to read as follows:

A licensed practical nurse under his or her license may perform (compensation) nursing care (as that term is usually understood) of the ill, injured, or infirm, and in the course thereof is authorized, (at or) under the direction and supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon, osteopathic physician and surgeon, dentist, (chiropractor) podiatrist (acting within the scope of his license), or at (or under) the direction and under the supervision of a (licensed) registered (professional) nurse, to administer drugs, medications, treatments, tests, injections, and inoculations, whether or not the piercing of tissues is involved and whether or not a degree of independent judgment and skill is required, when selected to do so by one of the licensed practitioners designated in this section, or by a (licensed) registered (professional) nurse who need not be physically present; provided the order given by such physician, dentist, or (chiropractor) podiatrist be reduced to writing within a reasonable time and made a part of the patient's record.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. There is added to chapter 18.78 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any person feeling aggrieved by the refusal of the board to issue any license provided for in this chapter, or to renew the same, or by the revocation or suspension of the license issued under the provisions of this chapter, or any law being administered under this chapter, has the right of appeal in the manner provided by the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.04 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

(1) Section 13, chapter 222, Laws of 1949, section 47, chapter 34, Laws of 1975-76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 18.78.120;
(2) Section 14, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.78.130;
(3) Section 15, chapter 222, Laws of 1949, section 60, chapter 81, Laws of 1971 and RCW 18.78.140; and
(4) Section 16, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.78.150.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 22. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or
the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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