

CHAPTER 75.

[S. B. 218.]

HEALING ARTS—TEMPORARY LICENSES.

AN ACT relating to the practice of medicine and surgery, dentistry, optometry and nursing; providing for the temporary licensing of medical physicians and surgeons, dentists, optometrists and graduate nurses admitted and licensed to practice their respective professions in other states, territories, and the District of Columbia; declaring when this act shall become inoperative; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. An emergency exists in this state because of the demands of the armed services for medical physicians and surgeons, dentists, optometrists and graduate nurses and there is a necessity for cooperation on the part of the state with such Federal agencies, as Procurement and Assignment Services for Physicians, Dentists and Veterinarians of the War Manpower Commission, which have been established and are functioning in cooperation with the several states, to the end that temporary relocation of medical physicians and surgeons, dentists, optometrists and graduate nurses may be effected to overcome acute shortages in specific localities from time to time. The Legislature, therefore, deems it necessary for the protection of the health and welfare of the people of the state to grant the Director of Licenses discretionary power to provide for the temporary licensing of medical physicians and surgeons, dentists, optometrists and graduate nurses admitted to practice such professions in other states, territories and the District of Columbia.

Emergency declared.

SEC. 2. The Director of Licenses may, in his discretion and until the end of the present war in which the United States is engaged, grant temporary certificates authorizing the practice of medicine and surgery, dentistry, optometry and nursing, without

Temporary certificates authorized.

examination, by medical physicians and surgeons, dentists, optometrists and graduate nurses who are duly licensed and qualified to practice their respective professions under the laws of any other state or territory of the United States, or of the District of Columbia, and who have applied for license to practice their respective professions in this state: *Provided*, That such temporary licenses shall be valid only between the dates of issuance and the completion of the next ensuing examinations required for such practitioners under existing laws.

Licensed
by any
state.

Valid until
next
examination.

May be
revoked.

SEC. 3. Such temporary certificates may be revoked for the same causes, in the same manner and by the same procedure at the time existing for the revocation of the licenses of practitioners in the said respective professions under the laws of this state.

Expiration
of act.

SEC. 4. This act shall remain in force for the duration of the existing war and for six (6) months after the termination thereof by the signing of a definitive treaty of peace, or by the proclamation of the President of the United States that hostilities have ceased or that the emergency in justification of extraordinary war-time powers no longer exists.

Effective im-
mediately.

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

Passed the Senate February 19, 1943.

Passed the House March 3, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 9, 1943.