

And it shall be unlawful after June 1, 1906, for any person to practice professional nursing as a "Registered Nurse," without a certificate from said State Board of Examiners and that it shall be unlawful after June 1, 1917, for any person to practice professional nursing as a graduate, certified or registered nurse without a certificate from said State Board of Examiners. A nurse who has received his or her certificate according to the provisions of this Act shall be styled and known as a "Registered Nurse." No other persons shall assume such title or use the abbreviation R. N., or any other letters or figures to indicate that he or she is a graduate, certified or registered nurse.

SEC. 5A. *And be it further enacted,* That said Board of Examiners shall have the power, in the exercise of its sound discretion, to issue a certificate of registration, without examination, to any applicant who has been duly registered as a registered nurse under the laws of another State; provided said Board of Examiners shall determine that such applicant possesses qualifications which are the equivalent to those required under Section 4 of this Act; and provided further that such applicant shall file a written application for registration and pay the registration fee provided for by the third Section of this Act; and that until June 1, 1917, said Board of Examiners may issue certificates of registration, without examination, to those nurses, who, at the time of the passage of this Act, are registered in other States and engaged in nursing in Maryland, upon written application and the payment of the registration fee hereinbefore provided; provided such applicants shall, in their application, present credentials satisfactory to said Board of Examiners.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall not be construed to affect or apply to the gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family, and also it shall not apply to any person nursing the sick for hire, who does not advertise, solicit employment or hold himself or herself out as a graduate, certified or registered nurse.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That any person violating any of the provisions of this Act, or who shall wilfully make any false representation to the Board of Examiners in applying for a certificate, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).