

(3) *practice as a nursing home administrator or use in connection with his name any designation tending to imply that he is a nursing home administrator unless licensed and registered so to practice under the provisions of this subtitle, or*

(4) *otherwise violate any of the provisions of this subtitle.*

(b) *Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this subtitle shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for the first offense. Each subsequent offense shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment of not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.*

765. *Emergency Performance.*

If a licensed nursing home administrator is removed from his position by death or other unexpected cause, the owner, governing body, or other appropriate authority of the nursing home may designate an acting nursing home administrator who may serve without a license for no more than 90 days, unless an extension is granted by the Board, for a period which may not exceed an additional 30 days.

766. *Separability Clause.*

If any section or provision of this subtitle is declared unconstitutional or void by any court of competent jurisdiction, or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the constitutionality or validity of the remainder of the subtitle and the applicability thereof to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the sections and provisions of this subtitle are declared to be severable.

767. *Provision of Funds.*

Funds for carrying out the provisions of this subtitle shall be as provided in the State Budget. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1970, such funds shall be as provided in the Supplemental State Budget. Organizational and other expenses incurred by the Board in the performance of duties prior to July 1, 1970, shall be reimbursed from State funds.

768. *Short Title.*

This subtitle shall be known and may be cited as the "Nursing Home Administrators' Licensing Act."

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.*

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