

(p) The Board shall provide for the representation of any person making reports to the Committee or the Board under this section in any action for defamation directly resulting from reports or information given to the Committee or the Board regarding a nurse's, [or] nursing assistant's, MEDICATION TECHNICIAN'S, ELECTROLOGISTS, OR APPLICANT'S participation in the program.

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(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice registered nursing in this State.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice licensed practical nursing in this State.

(c) This section does not apply to:

(1) A student enrolled in an approved education program while practicing registered nursing or licensed practical nursing in that program;

(2) An individual employed by the federal government to practice registered nursing or licensed practical nursing while practicing within the scope of that employment, if the individual is authorized by any state to practice registered nursing or licensed practical nursing;

(3) An individual permitted to practice registered nursing or licensed practical nursing under rules and regulations adopted by the Board, if the individual:

(i) Otherwise has qualified to practice registered nursing or licensed practical nursing in any other state or country and is in this State temporarily; or

(ii) Has an application for a license pending before the Board:

1. But has not taken the examination required under this title; or

2. Has taken an examination under this title, but the results of the examination are not yet known; and

(4) An individual who is assigned by the American Red Cross to a disaster situation in this State to practice registered nursing or licensed practical nursing, if the individual is licensed to practice registered nursing or licensed practical nursing in another state.

(d) A registered nurse who has been granted multistate licensing privileges by a party state to the Nurse Multistate Licensure Compact set forth in Subtitle 7A of this title may practice registered nursing in the State.

(e) A licensed practical nurse who has been granted multistate licensing privileges by a party state to the Nurse Multistate Licensure Compact set forth in Subtitle 7A of this title may practice practical nursing in the State.