

## CHAPTER 194

(Senate Bill 661)

AN ACT concerning

~~State Board of Nursing~~ Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Nursing Assistants  
– Certification

FOR the purpose of requiring ~~an individual to be certified by the State Board of Nursing by a certain date to regulate that nursing assistants who practice in the State be regulated; by a certain date before practicing as a nursing assistant, using certain titles, and making certain representations; making certain exceptions; requiring the State Board of Nursing to adopt certain regulations; establishing procedures for the certification of nursing assistants and the issuance and renewal of nursing assistant certificates; authorizing the State Board of Nursing to waive certain qualifications for certification as a nursing assistant under specified circumstances; establishing grounds for the denial of certificates and the discipline of certificate holders; establishing certain penalties; requiring the State Board of Nursing to appoint a certain advisory committee; requiring the State Board of Nursing to take certain actions relating to the approval of nursing assistant training programs; establishing certain requirements for nursing assistant training programs; requiring certain individuals to submit to certain examinations under specified circumstances; requiring the State Board of Nursing to disclose certain information to certain officials; altering a certain provision of law authorizing the use of certain titles by unlicensed individuals; defining certain terms; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act requiring the establishment of a certain advisory committee; specifying the composition of the committee and its responsibilities; requiring the State Board of Nursing Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to make a certain report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the certification of nursing assistants by the State Board of Nursing.~~

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 8-6A-01 through 8-6A-17, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6A. Certification of Nursing Assistants”

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 8-703(f)

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