

No. 1982-321

AN ACT

SB 671

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," further providing for the appointment of members of the State Board of Nurse Examiners.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 418, act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," amended November 26, 1978 (P.L.1223, No.292), is amended to read:

Section 418. State Board of Nurse Examiners.—The State Board of Nurse Examiners shall consist of the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs, two members who shall be persons representing the public at large, and seven members, five of whom shall be registered nurses, graduated from schools of nursing where practical and theoretical instruction is given in general surgical and medical nursing, *at least three of whom shall possess masters' degrees in nursing* and two of whom shall be licensed practical nurses, and who shall have been engaged in nursing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for [at least five years since registration] *the five-year period immediately preceding appointment.*

The Governor shall, upon the expiration of the term of office of any professional member, appoint a person, with the above specified qualifications, [from two lists, each containing not less than ten names, one list submitted to him by the board of directors of the Pennsylvania State Nurses' Association and the other list submitted to him by the Northeastern Pennsylvania League of Licensed Practical Nurses,] for a term of six years, and until a successor is appointed and qualified but in no event longer than six months beyond the six-year term. Vacancies shall be filled in like manner.

Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum, and the board shall select, from among its members, a chairman, and shall elect a secre-

tary who need not be a member of the board.

The board, with the approval of the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs, shall also appoint and fix the compensation of one or more State educational advisors of schools of nursing, who shall have the same qualifications as the members of the board.

The members of the board, other than the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs, shall receive thirty dollars per diem, when actually engaged in the transaction of official business, and the secretary shall receive such reasonable compensation as shall be determined by the board, with the approval of the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 17th day of December, A. D. 1982.

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