

No. 118

AN ACT

HB 1739

Amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to the practice of professional nursing; providing for the licensing of nurses and for the revocation and suspension of such licenses, subject to appeal, and for their reinstatement; providing for the renewal of such licenses; regulating nursing in general; prescribing penalties and repealing certain laws," providing for standards and programs of study for foreign graduate nurses and powers of the Board in connection therewith.

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

Section 1. Clause (11) of section 4, act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317), known as "The Professional Nursing Law," is amended to read:

Section 4. This act confers no authority to practice medicine or surgery, nor does it prohibit—

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(11) The practice of professional nursing, within the definition of this act, by any person lawfully qualified so to practice in another state, territory, province or country, when such person is engaged in the practice of nursing as an employee of the United States, or, [if permitted by Federal law, as a citizen of a foreign country temporarily residing in Pennsylvania, for a period not to exceed one (1) year, for the purpose of postgraduate study and experience, certified to be such by the American Nurses' Association or other appropriate agency satisfactory to the Board.] *by a person who is a foreign graduate nurse in the United States on nonimmigration status while enrolled in an approved, organized program of study as hereinafter provided.*

The Board shall establish standards and approve organized programs of study offered to foreign graduate nurses in the United States on nonimmigration status who are studying in this Commonwealth. Initial approval shall be followed by at least annual survey and review of the program to assure maintenance of acceptable standards. Such programs shall be conducted only with approval of the Board. Each hospital maintaining an exchange visitor educational program for foreign graduate nurses shall pay a fee as established by the Board. Such fee shall be related to the actual costs incurred by the Board in rendering services in connection with such programs.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 6th day of May, A. D. 1970.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph P. Kelly II". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.