

No. 1994-35

AN ACT

HB 1303

Amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), 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," further providing for refusal, suspension or revocation of licenses.

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

Section 1. Section 14(a) of the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, amended December 20, 1985 (P.L.409, No.109), is amended by adding a clause to read:

Section 14. Refusal, Suspension or Revocation of Licenses.—(a) The Board may refuse, suspend or revoke any license in any case where the Board shall find that—

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(9) The licensee has been guilty of immoral or unprofessional conduct. Unprofessional conduct shall include departure from or failing to conform to an ethical or quality standard of the profession. The ethical and quality standards of the profession are those embraced by the professional community in this Commonwealth. In proceedings based on this clause, actual injury to a patient need not be established.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 27th day of May, A.D. 1994.

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