

## Public Law 88-128

## AN ACT

September 23, 1963  
[H. R. 5781]

To amend the Act of August 1, 1939, to provide that professional nurses shall be registered as staff officers in the United States Merchant Marine, and for other purposes.

U. S. Merchant  
Marine.  
Nurses, registra-  
tion.

53 Stat. 1146.  
46 USC 243.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) the first sentence of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the registry of pursers and surgeons as staff officers on vessels of the United States, and for other purposes", approved August 1, 1939 (46 U.S.C., sec. 242), is amended by striking out "and (5) surgeon" and inserting in lieu thereof "(5) surgeon, and (6) professional nurse".

(b) Section 2 of such Act of August 1, 1939, is amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Applicants for registry as surgeon or professional nurse shall be required to possess a valid license as physician and surgeon or registered nurse, respectively, issued under the authority of a State or territory of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia."

Approved September 23, 1963.

## Public Law 88-129

## AN ACT

September 24, 1963  
[H. R. 12]

To increase the opportunities for training of physicians, dentists, and professional public health personnel, and for other purposes.

Health Profes-  
sions Educational  
Assistance Act of  
1963.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the "Health Professions Educational Assistance Act of 1963".

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MEDICAL, DENTAL, PHARMACEUTICAL, OPTOMETRIC, PODIATRIC, NURSING, OSTEOPATHIC, AND PUBLIC HEALTH TEACHING FACILITIES

70 Stat. 717-  
721.  
42 USC 292-  
2921.

SEC. 2. (a) Title VII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. chap. 6A) is amended by inserting "AND TEACHING" after "RESEARCH" in the heading thereof, by inserting "AND TRAINING OF PROFESSIONAL HEALTH PERSONNEL" after "FACILITIES" in such heading, and by inserting immediately below such heading "PART A—GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HEALTH RESEARCH FACILITIES", and by changing the words "this title" wherever they appear in such title to read "this part".

(b) Such title is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"PART B—GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TEACHING FACILITIES FOR MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND OTHER HEALTH PERSONNEL

"AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

"SEC. 720. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated over a period of three fiscal years, beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964, not to exceed the following amounts—

"(1) \$105,000,000 in the aggregate for grants to assist in the construction of new teaching facilities for the training of physicians,