

Public Law 89-518

July 25, 1966
[H. R. 8337]

AN ACT

To amend the District of Columbia Practical Nurses' Licensing Act, and for other purposes.

D.C.
Practical
Nurses' Licensing
Act, amendment.

"Washington
metropolitan
area."

License without
examination.

Application for
reconsideration.

Effective date.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the District of Columbia Practical Nurses' Licensing Act (74 Stat. 803; sec. 2-421, D.C. Code) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"(e) The term 'Washington metropolitan area' means that area comprising the District of Columbia, Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties, Maryland, the counties of Arlington and Fairfax, Virginia, and the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax, Virginia, and shall include those areas adjacent to the District of Columbia within a radius of thirty miles from the United States Capitol Building."

SEC. 2. Section 10 of the District of Columbia Practical Nurses' Licensing Act (sec. 2-429, D.C. Code) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(a)" immediately after "SEC. 10."; and

(2) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(b) (1) Upon receipt of an application, accompanied by the required fee for an original license, the Commissioners shall issue a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse, without written examination, to any person who shall make application therefor prior to the expiration of the ninetieth day immediately following the effective date of this subsection if (A) the Commissioners find that such person (i) is at least twenty-one years of age; (ii) is of good moral character; (iii) is in good physical and mental health as certified by a physician licensed to practice in the District of Columbia; (iv) has resided in the District of Columbia and been actively engaged in caring for the sick in the Washington metropolitan area for the year immediately preceding the effective date of this Act; (v) has had three or more years of experience in the care of the sick prior to the effective date of this Act; and (vi) has submitted evidence satisfactory to the Commissioners that she is competent to practice as a licensed practical nurse, and (B) either the application is endorsed by two physicians licensed to practice in the District of Columbia who have personal knowledge of the applicant's nursing qualifications and by two persons who have employed the applicant in the capacity of practical nurse, or the applicant is listed on a nurses' registry licensed in the District of Columbia.

"(2) Any person whose application under subsection (a) was not approved because such person did not meet the requirement of clause (4) of such subsection may have such application reconsidered in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection if, no later than the ninetieth day following the effective date of this subsection, such person makes a written request to the Commissioners for such reconsideration. Such application shall be reconsidered without additional charge to such person other than the repayment to the District of Columbia of any fee or portion thereof, paid in connection with the submission of such application under subsection (a), which may have been refunded to such person, and such person may submit, without charge, such additional information in support of such application as she may desire."

SEC. 3. The amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the thirtieth day following the date of the enactment of this Act.

Approved July 25, 1966.