

description, uniform, or badge, implying that he is registered under this Act or is recognised by law as a registered nurse, or with intent to deceive makes use of any certificate of registration as a nurse issued under this Act to him or any other person, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding, in the case of a first offence, ten pounds, and in the case of a second or any subsequent offence fifty pounds.

(2) If any person wilfully makes, or causes to be made, any falsification of any matter relating to the register, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and shall, on conviction thereof, be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

#### EXTENT AND SHORT TITLE.

9.--(1) This Act shall not extend to Scotland or Ireland.

(2) This Act may be cited as the Nurses Registration (No. 2) Act, 1919.

#### SCHEDULE.

##### CONSTITUTION OF COUNCIL.

1. The Council shall consist of twenty-five members.

2. On its first constitution the Council shall be composed of the following persons, namely:—

Two persons, who shall not be registered medical practitioners, or nurses, or persons concerned with the regular direction or provision of the services of nurses, appointed by the Privy Council;

Two persons appointed by the Board of Education;

Five persons appointed by the Minister of Health, after consultation with persons and bodies having special knowledge and experience of training schools for nurses, of the work of matrons of hospitals, of general and special nursing services, and of general and special medical practice;

Sixteen persons, who are or have at some time been nurses actually engaged in rendering services, in direct connection with the nursing of the sick, appointed by the Minister of Health after consultation with the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, the College of Nursing, the Royal British Nurses Association, and such other associations or organised bodies of nurses or matrons as represent to the Minister that they desire to be consulted in the matter.

3. The first members of the Council shall hold office for such term, not exceeding three years from the commencement of this Act, as the Minister of Health may determine.

4. After the expiration of the term of office of the first members of the Council, the Council shall be composed of nine persons appointed respectively by the Privy Council, the Board of Education, and the Minister of Health as aforesaid, and of sixteen persons, being persons registered as nurses under this Act, elected in accordance with the prescribed

scheme and in the prescribed manner by the persons so registered at the date of election.

5. Any members of the Council other than the first members thereof shall hold office for a term of five years.

6. If the place of a member of the Council becomes vacant before the expiration of his term of office, whether by death, resignation, or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the body or persons by whom the member was appointed, or if the vacating member was an elected member by the Council.

The Council in co-opting a member under the foregoing provision shall, so far as practicable, select a person, being a person registered as a nurse under this Act, who is representative of the same interests as those represented by the vacating member.

Any person appointed or elected to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only so long as the member in whose stead he is appointed or elected would have held office.

7. Any member ceasing to be a member of the Council shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election.

8. The powers of the Council may be exercised notwithstanding any vacancy in their number.

#### A COMMON REGISTER.

The one sincere regret of every member of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, which has been working for a United Kingdom Bill, is that the Minister of Health has not found it possible, in collaboration with his colleagues, to provide for the inclusion of Scottish and Irish nurses under the jurisdiction of one Central Council.

In the course of the debate on the Second Reading of the Bill, however, the Secretary for Scotland, the Right Hon. Robert Munro, K.C., M.P., announced that a Bill on similar lines to the one for England and Wales was already drafted for Scotland, and the Minister of Health announced that the Irish Office had the matter under consideration. He said, further, that with the arrangements made for the interchange of Registers, no doubt there might be set up a common Register.

#### IRISH NURSING BOARD.

The Chairman of the Council of the Ministry of Health for Ireland received a deputation on the 11th inst. from the Irish Nursing Board and the Irish Nurses' Association, in order to discuss the urgency of having a Bill for the State Registration of Irish Nurses, introduced at the same time and on the same lines as the Bill introduced on November 6th, by the Minister of Health for England and Wales. The Chairman was very sympathetic, and informed the deputation that he was doing all in his power to further the interests of Irish Nurses in this matter.

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