

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-3001 of the Code of Virginia, relating to licensure of nurses.*

3 [H 1287]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 54.1-3001 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

7 § 54.1-3001. Exemptions.

8 This chapter shall not apply to the following:

9 1. The furnishing of nursing assistance in an emergency;

10 2. The practice of nursing, which is prescribed as part of a study program, by nursing students
11 enrolled in nursing education programs approved by the Board or by graduates of approved nursing
12 education programs *for a period not to exceed ninety days following successful completion of the*
13 *nursing education program* pending the results of the ~~first~~ licensing examination ~~scheduled by a board~~
14 ~~of nursing following graduation~~, *provided proper application and fee for licensure have been submitted*
15 *to the Board and unless the graduate fails the licensing examination within the ninety-day period;*16 3. The practice of any legally qualified nurse of another state who is employed by the United States
17 government while in the discharge of his official duties;18 4. The practice of nursing by a nurse who holds a current unrestricted license in another state, the
19 District of Columbia or a United States possession or territory for a period of thirty days pending
20 licensure in Virginia, if the nurse, upon employment, has furnished the employer satisfactory evidence of
21 current licensure and submits proper application and fees to the Board for licensure before, or within ten
22 days after, employment. At the discretion of the Board, additional time may be allowed for nurses
23 currently licensed in another state, the District of Columbia or a United States possession or territory
24 who are in the process of attaining the qualification for licensure in this Commonwealth;25 5. The practice of nursing by any registered nurse who holds a current unrestricted license in another
26 state, the District of Columbia, or a United States possession or territory and is enrolled in an advanced
27 professional program requiring clinical practice;28 6. General care of the sick by nursing assistants, companions or domestic servants that does not
29 constitute the practice of nursing as defined in this chapter; and30 7. The care of the sick when done solely in connection with the practice of religious beliefs by the
31 adherents and which is not held out to the public to be licensed practical or professional nursing.32 **2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**

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