No. 12 of 1966

An Act to amend the Nurses Registration Act, 1920-1964.

[Assented to 24th February, 1966.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the “Nurses Registration Act Amendment Act, 1965-1966”.
   (2) The Nurses Registration Act, 1920-1964, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the “Nurses Registration Act, 1920-1966”.
   (3) The Nurses Registration Act, 1920-1964, is hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”.

2. This Act is incorporated with the principal Act and that Act and this Act shall be read as one Act.

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the definition of “the former mental nurses register” therein.

4. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended—
   (a) by striking out the word “seven” in subsection (2) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the word “ten”; and
   (b) by striking out the following passage:—
   “One shall be nominated by the Minister:
   One shall be nominated by the Royal British Nurses Association:
Two shall be nominated by the Royal Australian Nursing Federation (S.A. Branch):"

in subsection (2) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following passage:—

"Two shall be nominated by the Minister, one of whom shall be the Director of Mental Health Services or any person nominated by him:

Five shall be nominated by the Royal Australian Nursing Federation (S.A. Branch)—

(a) one of whom shall be a registered psychiatric nurse or registered mental deficiency nurse elected by members who are registered psychiatric nurses or registered mental deficiency nurses, as the case may require; and

(b) another of whom shall be a person enrolled as a mothercraft nurse, as a nurse aide or as a dental nurse:"

5. Section 10 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the word "four" therein and inserting in lieu thereof the word "six".

6. Section 19 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (3) thereof the following subsections:—

(4) A person who, pursuant to this Act as in force immediately before the relevant day, was a registered mental nurse or was entitled to be registered as such shall be entitled to be registered both as a psychiatric nurse and as a mental deficiency nurse.

(5) Any registration effected under subsection (4) of this section—

(a) in the case of a registered mental nurse—

(i) shall be effected in the first instance without payment of any fee, but thereafter the provisions of section 26 of this Act shall apply thereto; and

(ii) shall for all purposes be deemed to have been in force on and from the relevant day; or

(b) in the case of a person entitled to be registered, but not in fact registered, as a mental nurse shall be effected upon payment of such fee as would have been payable if he had been registered as a mental nurse immediately before the relevant day.
7. Subsection (3) of section 26 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the words “a retention fee of five shillings or such other amount as may be prescribed” therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words “the prescribed retention fee”.

8. Section 33p of the principal Act is repealed.

9. Section 38 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out the passage “Subject to subsection (2c), no” in subsections (2a) and (2b) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof in each case the word “No”; and

(b) by striking out subsection (2c) thereof.

10. Section 40 of the principal Act is amended by striking out subsection (1a) thereof.

11. Section 44 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out the word “member” in paragraph i of subsection (1) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the word “members”; and

(b) by striking out the words “election of a person for nomination as a member by the registered nurses who are not members of the Royal British Nurses Association or” in paragraph ii of subsection (1) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words “elections required for the purposes of subsection (2) of section 5 of this Act by registered psychiatric nurses and registered mental deficiency nurses who are members”; and
(c) by striking out from paragraph XIII in subsection (1) thereof the passage "and the registration as psychiatric nurses or as mental deficiency nurses of persons who immediately before the day fixed under subsection (2) of section 3 of the Nurses Registration Act Amendment Act, 1963, were registered or entitled to be registered in the former mental nurses register, ".

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

EDRIC BASTYAN, Governor.