

Island of Guernsey

Ordinance of the States **XLVI**

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The Nurses (Use of Title) Ordinance, 1973

THE STATES, in pursuance of their Resolution of the thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventy-three, hereby order:—

1. (1) A person who—

(a) not being a duly registered nurse takes or uses the name or title of registered nurse, either alone or in combination with any other words or letters, or any name, title, addition, description, uniform or badge, implying that he is registered or is recognised by law as registered; or

(b) being a person whose name is included in any part or parts of the register but not in another part, takes or uses any name, title, addition, description, uniform or badge, or otherwise does any act of any kind, implying that his name is included in that other part; or

(c) at any time, with intent to deceive, makes use of any certificate of registration issued to him or to any other person;

Penalties
for false
assumption
of title of
registered
or enrolled
nurse, etc.

shall be liable on 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) A person who—

- (a) not being a person duly enrolled, takes or uses any name, title, addition, description, uniform or badge implying that he is enrolled or is recognised by law as enrolled; or
- (b) being a person whose name is included in any part or parts of the roll but not in another part, takes or uses any name, title, addition, description, uniform or badge, or otherwise does any act of any kind implying that his name is included in that other part; or
- (c) at any time, with intent to deceive, makes use of any certificate of enrolment issued to him or to any other person;

shall be liable on 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.

(3) A person who, knowing that some other person is not registered or enrolled, makes any statement or does any act calculated to suggest that that other person is registered or enrolled, shall be liable on 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.

Restriction
on use of
title of
nurse and
assistant
nurse.

2. (1) A person who, not being a duly registered nurse or a duly enrolled nurse, takes or uses the name or title of nurse, either alone or in combination with any other words or letters, shall be liable

on 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:

Provided that (without prejudice to the provisions of the last foregoing section)—

- (a) nothing in this subsection shall prevent a children's nurse from taking or using the name or title of nurse, unless the circumstances in which, or the words or letters in combination with which, the name or title is taken or used are such as to suggest that such person is something other than a children's nurse;
- (b) the Board may from time to time make orders authorising the use, either generally or by specified classes of persons or in specified circumstances, of specified names or titles containing the word nurse or of the word nurse otherwise qualified in accordance with the orders;
- (c) a person shall not be guilty of an offence under this subsection by reason only that, without objection by him, other persons use the word nurse in addressing or referring to him.

(2) In this section the expression "children's nurse" means a person whose vocation is that of caring for children.

3. A certificate under the seal of the Council Evidence. stating that any person is, or was at any date, or is not, or was not at any date, duly registered or enrolled shall be prime facie evidence of the facts stated in the certificate.

4. (1) In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have Interpretation. tion.

the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

“the Board” means the States Board of Health;

“the Council” means, in relation to registration or enrolment in—

(a) England and Wales, the General Nursing Council for England and Wales;

(b) Scotland, the General Nursing Council for Scotland;

(c) Northern Ireland, the Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives;

“enrolled nurse” and “registered nurse” mean respectively a person who is duly enrolled or duly registered as a nurse in any part of the United Kingdom;

“nurse” means a nurse for the sick;

“the register” means the register of nurses maintained by the Council;

“the roll” means the roll of nurses maintained by the Council.

(2) Any power conferred by this Ordinance to make orders shall be construed as including a power exercisable in the like manner to vary or repeal the order.

Citation.

5. This Ordinance may be cited as the Nurses (Use of Title) Ordinance, 1973.

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