

# **NURSING (VALIDATION) ACT 1992**

No. 55 of 1992

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# AN ACT to validate acts done or omitted by persons acting in the office of Registrar of Nurses and for related purposes

[Royal Assent 21 December]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

#### Short title

1—This Act may be cited as the Nursing (Validation) Act 1992.

## Commencement

2—This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

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### Validation

- 3-(1) In this section—
  - "acting registrar" means a person who, during the period commencing on 17 February 1990 and ending on 25 October 1992, purported to perform the functions and exercise the powers of the Registrar of Nurses;
  - "Board" means the Nursing Board of Tasmania;
  - "Principal Act" means the Nursing Act 1987\*;
  - "register" has the same meaning as in the Principal Act;
  - "Registrar of Nurses" means a Registrar of Nurses appointed pursuant to section 7 of the Principal Act;
  - "relevant period" means the period during which an acting registrar is purportedly performing the functions and exercising the powers of a Registrar of Nurses;
  - "roll" has the same meaning as in the Principal Act.
- (2) A person purporting to perform the functions and exercise the powers of Registrar of Nurses during the period commencing on 17 February 1990 and ending on 25 October 1992 is taken—
  - (a) to have been appointed as Registrar of Nurses; and
  - (b) to have held the office of Registrar of Nurses during the period in which that person was so purporting to perform those functions and exercise those powers.
- (3) During the relevant period, any information entered into or omitted from the register or roll by an acting registrar, and a record made or kept by an acting registrar, is as validly entered, omitted, made or kept as if it had been entered, omitted, made or kept by a Registrar of Nurses.
- (4) An authorization or a direction given by the Board to an acting registrar during the relevant period is as valid as if it had been given to a Registrar of Nurses.
  - (5) The cancellation or suspension by the Board of—
    - (a) a purported registration or enrolment of a nurse during the relevant period by an acting registrar; and
    - (b) a purported certificate issued during the relevant period by an acting registrar—

is as valid as if it were the cancellation or suspension of a registration or enrolment, and a certificate issued, by a Registrar of Nurses.

<sup>\*</sup> No. 65 of 1987. Amended by No. 5 of 1990 and No. 46 of 1991.

- (6) An act or thing done or omitted during the relevant period-
  - (a) by an acting registrar; or
  - (b) in relation to an acting registrar; or
  - (c) in relation to an act or thing done or omitted by an acting registrar-

is as valid as if it had been done or omitted by a Registrar of Nurses.