

# Supplementary Order Paper

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, the 5th Day of September, 1944

### NURSES AND MIDWIVES REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL

Hon. Mr. NORDMEYER, in Committee, to move the following amendment—

To add the following additional clause:—

12. (1) The Board may, in its discretion, cause to be removed from the appropriate Register the name of any person registered therein as a nurse or midwife or maternity nurse or nursing aid or psychiatric nurse who—

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powers of  
Board.

(a) Is convicted of any offence punishable by imprisonment the commission of which, in the opinion of the Board, has dishonoured her in the public estimation; or

(b) Has been guilty of such improper conduct as renders her, in the opinion of the Board, unfit to be registered under the principal Act.

(2) Section twenty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting all the words after the word "midwife".

(3) Before exercising its power under this section the Board, or a committee of the Board, shall cause to be served on the person concerned a notice stating that it has reason to believe that a ground exists entitling the Board to exercise its power under this section, specifying the ground with sufficient particularity to enable her to answer the same, and requiring her to appear before the Board to show cause why the Board should not remove her name from the appropriate Register.

(4) It shall be lawful for any notice under the foregoing provisions of this section, and any notice under section ten of the Nurses and Midwives Registration Amendment Act, 1939, to require the person to whom the notice is addressed to notify the Board in writing not later than some specified date prior to the date proposed for the hearing of the matter as to whether or not she intends to appear before the Board at the hearing to show cause. If she fails to notify her intention as required by the notice or notifies the Board that she does not intend to appear, she shall not be entitled to appear and be heard except by the leave of the Board granted on such conditions as to the payment of expenses or otherwise as the Board thinks fit.

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(5) Section ten of the Nurses and Midwives Amendment Act, 1939, is hereby amended by inserting in subsection one, after the word " Board " where it first occurs, the words " or a committee of the Board ".

(6) With the prior written consent of a person on whom a notice has been served under this section or section ten of the Nurses and Midwives Amendment Act, 1939, a committee of the Board may hear and determine the matter:

Provided that the determination of the committee shall be of no effect until it has been confirmed by the Board which shall have power to determine that no penalty be imposed or to reduce any penalty determined by the committee either by imposing a penalty under the said section ten instead of removing the name of the person from the Register or by reducing any period of suspension or the amount of any pecuniary penalty or by substituting a pecuniary penalty for a period of suspension.

(7) Any hearing of any matter under this section or under the said section ten may be adjourned by the Board or the committee of the Board as the case may be, from time to time and from place to place.

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