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**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE - BPC**

**DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS [500 - 4999.129]** ( *Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 399.*  )

**CHAPTER 1. General Provisions [500 - 865.2]** ( *Chapter 1 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 399.*  )

**ARTICLE 7. Nursing [675 - 679]** ( *Article 7 added by Stats. 1959, Ch. 1490.*  )

**675.** Every person, firm, association, partnership, or corporation offering a course of instruction in any type of nursing, including vocational nursing or practical nursing, which course of instruction is not accredited by the Board of Registered Nursing or by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians and completion of which will not qualify a person to take any examination given by either board shall notify an applicant for admission thereto that the course of instruction is not accredited by either board and that completion thereof will not qualify the person to take any examination given by either board.

The notice required by this section shall be in writing in at least 12-point boldface type, and in no event less than two points larger than the type in any other portion of the notice or contract, and shall be given to an applicant prior to the signing of any contract by the applicant or, if no contract is signed, prior to the making of any deposit or other payment by the applicant.

If an applicant is required to sign a contract in order to enroll in the course of instruction, the notice required by this section shall be contained in the contract directly above the place for the applicant's signature.

(Amended by Stats. 1997, Ch. 759, Sec. 8. Effective January 1, 1998.)

**676.** The provisions contained in this article shall not apply to inservice training programs given in institutions for the purpose of qualifying persons to work therein, to public schools, to private schools or institutions offering advanced nursing education to registered nurses or vocational nurses licensed in the United States, or to schools conducted by any recognized church or denomination for the purpose of training the adherents of such church or denomination in the care of the sick in accordance with its religious tenets.

(Added by Stats. 1959, Ch. 1490.)

**677.** Every person, firm, association, partnership, or corporation subject to the provisions of this article shall maintain records for at least three years, which records shall be open to inspection by investigators of the Division of Investigation of the department and by peace officers acting in their official capacity.

The records shall include the names and address of the persons admitted to the course of instruction and a copy of any written contract signed by such a person or, if no contract is signed, a copy of the written notice given to such person.

A correspondence school whose home office is located outside of this state need maintain the foregoing records only for persons residing in this state.

(Amended by Stats. 1971, Ch. 716.)

**678.** The failure to give the notice required by this article shall make any contract entered into between the parties null and void.

(Added by Stats. 1959, Ch. 1490.)

**679.** Any person, firm, association, partnership, or corporation who violates this article is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Added by Stats. 1959, Ch. 1490.)