§ 2892. Commissioner; powers and duties. The commissioner shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To conduct studies and surveys of nursing service to determine public nursing service needs and the extent to which such needs can be provided by homemakers, home health aides, licensed practical nurses and registered professional nurses.

(b) To make recommendations to nursing service organizations, hospitals, nursing homes and home health agencies relating to personnel practices, recruitment, training, conditions of employment and compensation for the purposes of improvement of the quality and availability of nursing service and making more effective use of existing nurse manpower.

(c) To advise the department of education as to the extent to which hospitals, nursing homes and home health agencies are suitable as clinical facilities for the training of nursing service personnel.

(d) To institute and operate refresher training programs for nursing service personnel.

(e) To enlist in a nurse reserve those inactive nurses interested in returning to active nursing service.

(f) To maintain a central registry of nursing manpower resources including, but not limited to, data concerning registered professional nurses and licensed practical nurses.

(g) To institute and operate a nurse manpower recruitment service including, but not limited to, a guidance and counseling service.