

§ 2896-g. Registration. 1. Every licensee must register biennially with the department. The department shall mail to every person who has received a license under this article an application form for registration requesting such information as the board and the commissioner may require. Such licensee shall promptly fill out, sign and forward such application to the department, together with a fee of forty dollars; however, initial registration shall not require such fee. Upon receipt and approval of such application and fee, the department shall issue a certificate of biennial registration. The commissioner shall establish by rule and regulation the beginning date of the biennial registration period. In the event that a change in the established beginning date of the biennial registration period requires an adjustment in the duration of a registration period, there shall be a proportionate adjustment in the prescribed fee.

2. Licensees who apply for registration subsequent to the first year of any biennial registration period shall pay a fee of twenty dollars; however, initial registration shall not require such fee; upon receipt and approval of such application and fee, the department shall issue a certificate of registration for the balance of the biennial registration period.

3. Registration subsequent to the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred seventy-three, shall require satisfactory completion of such continuation education programs or courses of study as the board shall determine are required to assure the licensee's retention of professional competence in nursing home administration and development of necessary different, new or advanced nursing home administration skills and techniques.

4. A nursing home administrator who fails or neglects to apply for registration before the first day of the next ensuing biennial registration period as required by the provisions of this section shall be required to pay for registration an additional fee of five dollars for each month or part thereof that he is in default, provided, however, that the additional fee shall not be more than one hundred twenty dollars.

5. A practicing nursing home administrator who fails to apply and qualify for registration before the first day of the next ensuing biennial registration period, shall be an illegal practitioner whose license may be suspended or revoked and who may be subjected to a civil penalty, censured or reprimanded by the board in accordance with the provisions of this article.

6. No person shall be entitled to register as a nursing home administrator unless he shall hold a license as provided for in this article. Every unrevoked certificate of registration issued as provided in this article shall be presumptive evidence in all courts and places that the person named therein is legally registered.

7. A nursing home administrator who has been heretofore duly licensed and registered to practice in this state whose license shall not have been revoked or suspended, and who either before or after registration, as required by this section, shall have temporarily abandoned the practice of nursing home administration and surrendered his registration certificate, may reregister within this state upon complying with the provisions of this section for registration, including payment of any fees due as of the date of surrender.

8. Upon receipt of satisfactory evidence that a certificate of registration has been lost, mutilated or destroyed, the department may issue a duplicate certificate upon such terms and conditions as the board shall prescribe with the approval of the commissioner, and upon the payment of a fee of ten dollars.