

formity or physical condition; nor shall it be construed as prohibiting the care of the sick when done in connection with the practice of religious tenets of any church by adherents thereof, in caring for adherents thereof or caring for a patient of any drugless doctor.

SEC. 18. It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse in this state unless such person shall have first obtained a license from the Board: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall prohibit any person from nursing the sick for hire who does not in any way assume or represent himself or herself to be a "licensed practical nurse, abbreviated L.P.N."

Penalty for violations.

Proviso.

SEC. 19. Should any section of this act, or any portion of any section, for any reason be held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this act.

Partial invalidity.

Passed the House March 1, 1949.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 22, 1949.

CHAPTER 223.

[H. B. 419.]

RECORDING OF DOCUMENTS AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RECORDS.

AN ACT to authorize the recording of documents and public and private records.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. The head of any business or the head of any state, county or municipal department, commission, bureau or board may cause any or all records required or authorized by law to be made or kept by such official, department, commission, bureau, board or business to be photographed, micro-

Records required or authorized by law may be photographed, photostated, etc.

photographed, photostated or reproduced on film for all purposes of recording documents, plats, files or papers, or copying or reproducing such records. Such film or reproducing material shall be of permanent material and the device used to reproduce such records on such film or material shall be such as to accurately reproduce and perpetuate the original records in all details, and shall be approved for the intended purpose by the State Auditor.

Reproducing material to be permanent.

Approval by Auditor.

Copies shall be deemed to be original records.

SEC. 2. Such photostatic copy, photograph, micro-photograph or photographic film record, or copy of the original records shall be deemed to be an original record for all purposes, and shall be admissible in evidence in all Courts or administrative agencies. A facsimile, exemplification or certified copy thereof shall, for all purposes recited herein, be deemed to be a transcript, exemplification or certified copy of the original.

"Business" defined.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of this act, the term "business" shall mean and include business, industry, profession, occupation and calling of every kind.

Vetoed.

SEC. 4. Whenever such photostatic copies, photographs, microphotographs or reproductions on film shall be placed in conveniently accessible files and provisions made for preserving, examining and using same, the said head of a state department, commission, bureau or board, county office or department, or city office or department may certify those facts to the State Auditor, who shall have the power to authorize forthwith, the disposal, archival storage or destruction of such records or papers.

Passed the House March 2, 1949.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1949, with the exception of Section 4, which is vetoed.