

ter 228 of the Political Code of the State of Montana, 1921, which provides for the issuance of a certificate of registration by the governor. (R. C. 3203). Chapter 129 of the Laws of 1929, containing Section 3211A as amended, provides that during the month of December of each year every registered nurse shall renew his or her certificate of registration for the year beginning January 1 with the board of examiners for nurses, for which renewal a fee of \$1.00 shall be paid to the treasurer of said board.

Section 3214 R. C. M. 1921 provides that it shall be unlawful for a person to hold himself or herself out as a trained, graduate, or registered nurse, who shall not be registered in accordance with the provisions of this act. The act is not as clear as could be desired. It appears to be the intent of the act as amended that each nurse shall pay an annual fee of \$1.00 and shall not be permitted to practice without securing a re-registration each year and that when a nurse continues to practice without making such payment, such nurse may be prosecuted for a misdemeanor.

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**Nurses—Registration—Fees—
Misdemeanor.**

HELD: Each nurse must pay an annual fee of \$1.00 and shall not be permitted to practice without securing a re-registration each year, and when a nurse continues to practice without making such payment, such nurse may be prosecuted for a misdemeanor.

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You have requested my opinion in relation to the yearly renewal of registration by nurses.

The original act in relation to registration of nurses is contained in Chap-