

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 89.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN.

AN ACT to prevent incompetent persons from conducting
the business of apothecaries.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. The governor, with the advice of the
2 council, shall appoint three suitable persons to be com-
3 missioners of pharmacy, one of whom shall hold his
4 office for one year, one for two years, and the other
5 for three years, and each until his successor shall be
6 appointed and qualified ; and each year thereafter an-
7 other commissioner shall be so appointed for three
8 years, and until a successor is appointed and qualified.
9 If a vacancy occurs in said commission, another shall
10 be appointed as aforesaid to fill the unexpired term
11 thereof. Before entering upon the duties of their office
12 the commissioners shall be sworn to faithfully and im-

13 partially discharge the same, and a record thereof
14 shall be made on their commissious.

SECT. 2. Said commissioners shall examine any
2 person who hereafter desires to engage in the business
3 of an apothecary, and if found skilled in pharmacy,
4 shall give him a certificate of that fact and that he is
5 authorized to engage in the business of an apothecary,
6 and such certificate must be signed by at least two com-
7 missioners. They shall register in a suitable book to be
8 kept in the secretary of state's office, the names and
9 places of residence of all persons to whom they issue
10 certificates and the dates thereof; and for each certi-
11 ficate of registration given under the provisions of this
12 act said commissioners shall be entitled to receive
13 from the applicant five dollars, which shall be in full
14 for all services and expenses.

SECT. 3. Every person hereafter entering upon the
2 business of an apothecary, shall first be examined by
3 said commissioners and present to them satisfactory
4 evidence that he has been an apprentice or employed
5 in an apothecary store where physicians' prescriptions
6 are compounded, at least three years, or has graduated
7 from some regularly established medical school or col-
8 lege of pharmacy and is competent for the business,
9 and the commissioners may then grant him a certifi-
10 cate and registry as hereinbefore provided.

SECT. 4. Any person engaged in the business of
2 apothecary at the passage of this act, may receive a
3 certificate and be registered as aforesaid, on applica-
4 tion to said commissioners, and presenting to them
5 satisfactory evidence of his competency therefor.

SECT. 5. Apothecaries registered as herein provided,
2 shall have the right to keep, under such restrictions
3 as the legislature may impose, all medicines and
4 poisons authorized by the United States dispensatory
5 and pharmacopœia as of recognized medicinal utility.

SECT. 6. If any person shall hereafter engage in the
2 business of an apothecary who is not now in said busi-
3 ness, contrary to the provisions of this act, he shall be
4 subject to a penalty of fifty dollars for each week he
5 shall so continue in such business, to be recovered by
6 an action of debt for the use of any person suing there-
7 for, or by indictment for the use of the county.

SECT. 7. This act shall not apply to physicians put-
2 ting up their own prescriptions or to the sale of pro-
3 prietary medicines.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 1, 1877. }

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr. CHADBOURNE of Waterboro', and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*