

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 413**

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H. P. 936

House of Representatives, Feb. 6, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Public Health and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Perham of Paris.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

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AN ACT Relating to Registration of Veterinary Surgeons

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 85 of chapter 21 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "himself" in the thirteenth line thereof, the words 'or belonging to his employer upon the order of such employer, or if called by one knowing such person is not registered and licensed to practice veterinary surgery, medicine, or dentistry in this state,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 85. Practitioners to obtain certificate. R. S. c. 18, P. 58. It shall be unlawful for any person not previously registered to practice veterinary surgery, medicine, or dentistry, or any branch thereof, within the state, without having obtained a certificate from the state board of veterinary examiners and being registered as provided in section eighty-seven. Any person shall be regarded as practicing veterinary surgery, medicine, or dentistry, or any branch thereof, within the meaning of this section, who has publicly professed to be a veterinary surgeon, or has prescribed for sick or injured animals and accepted fees for such services, or has attached to his name the title "V. S." or "Veterinary Surgeon," or any veterinary title ordinarily used. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the performance of services rendered

by anyone in the case of emergency or prohibiting any person from practicing veterinary medicine, surgery, or dentistry, on any animal belonging to himself, or belonging to his employer upon the order of such employer, or if called by one knowing such person is not registered and licensed to practice veterinary surgery, medicine, or dentistry in this state; nor shall this section be construed as prohibiting castration of animals by any resident of this state.'