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OF THE

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PUBLIC LAWS
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Chapter 43.

An Act to insure the better education of practitioners of Dental Surgery, and to regulate the practice of Dentistry in the State of Maine.

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

Practice of dentistry by incompetent persons, prohibited.

—penalty for violation.

Board of examiners created.

—appointment and tenure.

—vacancies, how filled.

Members shall be sworn.

—choose president and secretary.

—annual meeting.

—quorum.

—duties of secretary.

SECT. 1. No person shall practice, attempt to practice, or hold himself out to be a practitioner of dentistry or dental surgery until he or she shall have first received a certificate as hereinafter provided; and whoever violates the provisions of this section, shall be fined not less than twenty-five, nor more than one hundred dollars for each offense. This section shall take effect three months after the approval of this act.

SECT. 2. A board of examiners, to consist of five dentists of good standing, who have been in the practice of dentistry in this state not less than five years, is hereby created. The members of said board shall be appointed by the governor, with advice and consent of council, to hold office for the term of three years and until their successors are qualified, except, however, that the first five members to constitute said board shall be appointed to hold as follows: two for the term of one year, two for two years and one for three years. Vacancies in said board at any time occurring shall be filled by the governor in accordance with the provisions of this section.

SECT. 3. Before entering upon their duties the members of said board shall take and subscribe the oaths prescribed by law to be taken by other officers appointed in like manner. As soon as convenient after their appointment the members of said board shall meet and organize, by choosing one of their number who shall serve as president and another as secretary for the ensuing year and until their successors are chosen, and shall meet annually thereafter at a time and place to be determined by said board at its previous annual meeting, and may meet at such other times and places as said board may deem necessary. A majority of the members of said board shall constitute a quorum, a true record of whose proceedings shall be kept by the secretary and shall be open at all reasonable times to public inspection. The secretary under direction of the board, shall further keep a register in which shall be entered the name, residence and place of business of every person authorized under this act to practice dentistry, and shall certify a copy of the same to the secretary.

of state, who shall enter the same in a book to be kept for CHAP. 43
the purpose.

SECT. 4. Every person engaged in the practice of dentistry or dental surgery in this state at the time of approval of this act shall, within three months thereafter, cause his or her name, residence and place of business to be registered with said board of examiners. The statements of every such person shall be verified under oath before a notary public or justice of the peace in such manner as may be prescribed by the board, and upon due compliance and payment of the fee as provided in section seven of this act, shall receive from said board a certificate in due form, signed by the president and attested by the secretary authorizing such persons to practice dentistry in the state.

Persons practicing dentistry, shall register.

—shall receive certificate.

SECT. 5. Any person desiring to practice dentistry or dental surgery in this state, who is not entitled to register under the preceding section, upon first passing a satisfactory examination before said board, in anatomy, physiology, pathology, therapeutics, chemistry and the theory and practice of dentistry; and on payment of the fee as provided in section seven of this act, shall be entitled to registration and shall receive a certificate as provided in section four of this act.

Persons passing satisfactory examination, shall be entitled to register.

SECT. 6. The secretary of said board may grant a temporary permit to practice dentistry to any suitable person who shall file with said secretary his application therefor, and shall deposit with him the sum of ten dollars, to be applied towards the payment of said applicant's examination fee. Such permit shall be valid only until the next meeting of said board.

Secretary may grant temporary permit to practice.

SECT. 7. The board shall receive from the applicant for each certificate issued under section four of this act, the sum of one dollar. For the examination of each person under the provisions of section five, twenty dollars, which shall in no case be returned but shall entitle the applicant to another examination without payment of additional fees. The above fees shall be in full for all services and expenses.

Fees.

SECT. 8. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to restrict or interfere with physicians and surgeons in the discharge of their professional duties, or with any citizen in the extraction of teeth in cases of emergency.

Physicians and surgeons shall not be restricted.