

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1838.

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

No. 30.

HOUSE.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the "Maine Thompsonian
Medical Society."

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House*
2 *of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That*
3 Nicholas Smith, Francis Burke, Isaac Jacobs,
4 Daniel Sylvester, James Noble, Thomas Annis,
5 Peter R. Jones, and such others as may hereafter
6 be duly elected Fellows agreeably to the rules and
7 by-laws hereafter to be established, be and they
8 hereby are incorporated into a body politic, by the
9 name of the "Maine Thompsonian Medical Soci-
10 ety," with power to take and hold any real and
11 personal estate to the value of ten thousand dol-
12 lars, and to give, grant, bargain and sell the same.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted, That the*
2 Fellows of said Society may from time to time
3 elect a President, Vice President, Secretary,
4 Treasurer and such other officers as they may

5 judge necessary and convenient; determine their
6 respective duties, and limit the tenure of their of-
7 fices and fill any vacancies therein.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That at the first
2 meeting of said Society and at every subsequent
3 annual meeting thereof, there shall be chosen by
4 ballot, so many examiners as said Society shall
5 judge necessary for the examination of all who,
6 having been students in medicine agreeably to the
7 requirements of said Society, shall offer them-
8 selves to be approved and licensed as physicians;
9 and every candidate examined and licensed shall
10 be held to pay such reasonable sums as shall be
11 by said Society established.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be
2 the duty of said Society, from time to time, to pre-
3 scribe such medical instruction and education, as
4 they shall judge requisite for candidates who may
5 apply for license to practice medicine on the
6 Thompsonian system.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That for the
2 purpose of examining candidates, three at least of
3 the examiners elected as aforesaid shall meet at
4 such time and place as by the by-laws of said So-
5 ciety, shall be directed. And every candidate
6 who on examination shall be approved by a major-
7 ity of said examiners, shall be entitled to letters
8 testimonial of their approbation and of their li-
9 cense to such candidate to become a practitioner

10 of medicine on the Thompsonian system, under
 11 the hand of the examiners so approving, to which
 12 letters of license and approbation, the seal of said
 13 Corporation, if any there be, shall be affixed by
 14 the President and Secretary, together with their
 15 own signatures.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That said
 2 Society may annex reasonable fines and penalties
 3 to the bearer of any of their by-laws not exceed-
 4 ing the sum of fifty dollars for any one fine or pen-
 5 alty. And all fees, fines and penalties contem-
 6 plated by this act, may be sued for and recover-
 7 ed in any Court in this State of competent juris-
 8 diction. And said fees, fines and penalties when
 9 recovered, shall be appropriated to the use of said
 10 Society.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That each mem-
 2 ber of said Society and each individual regularly
 3 licensed by said Society shall be and is hereby
 4 entitled to sue out and maintain any action neces-
 5 sary and proper, to recover a just and reasonable
 6 compensation for services rendered by him as a
 7 Physician—any law of this State to the contrary
 8 notwithstanding.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted,* That the pow-
 2 ers of said Corporation may be altered, enlarged,
 3 restrained or annulled at the pleasure of the Leg-
 4 islature.

SECT. 9. *Be it further enacted,* That the three

2 persons first named in this Act, or any two of
3 them, may call the first meeting of said Society,
4 and at such time and place as they may deem
5 proper.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 13, 1838. }

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