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January 3, 1933

Harry J. Covelle, Secretary  
Maine State Board of Registration  
and Examination in Optometry  
Bangor, Maine

Dear Sir:

In answer to your inquiry of January 2, --  
R. S. Chapter 21, Section 49 exempts from registration by  
your board those who practice optometry and are "authorized  
under the laws of this State to practice medicine within  
the State of Maine".

Sections 60 to 70, inclusive, of the same chapter,  
in providing for the registration of osteopaths authorize,--

"The right to practice osteopathy with  
the right to use such drugs as are necessary  
in the practice of surgery and obstetrics,  
including narcotics, antiseptics and anesthetics."

Section 70 expressly applies to registered osteopaths.  
"All laws, rules, or regulations \*\*\*\* for the purpose of  
regulating the reporting of contagious diseases, deaths or  
births"

None of these osteopathic sections, it seems to me,  
expressly authorize osteopaths "to practice medicine". It  
would, therefore be my opinion that osteopaths who wish to  
practice optometry must register with your board.

Very truly yours,

Attorney General

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