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To Hon. Roscoe C. Emery
Re: Canadian Dentist

. . . You ask if, under the present law, it is permissible for a qualified Canadian dentist to practise in this State if he files an application for citizenship and thereafter takes the steps necessary to become a citizen. You further state that it is your understanding that such a grace period is permitted.

We regret very much having to answer your query in the negative. Under the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, generally, before a person can practise dentistry in this State he must have a license by virtue of 1) having taken and successfully passed the examination (and he must be a citizen of the United States in order to take such examination), or 2) receiving such license under the reciprocity statute, having first practised in a State, territory or district of the United States. . .

We are acutely aware of the conditions in Eastport with respect to dentists and we regret that there is no provision in our law that would permit you to bring a Canadian dentist in.

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