

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 35.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

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:

SECTION 1. No person shall practice, attempt to practice 2 or hold himself out to be a practitioner of dentistry or 3 dental surgery until he or she shall have first received a 4 certificate as hereinafter provided; and whoever violates 5 the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than 6 twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars for each 7 offense. This section shall take effect three months after 8 the approval of this act.

SECT. 2. A board of examiners to consist of five 2 dentists of good standing who have been in the practice 3 of dentistry in this State not less than five years, is hereby 4 created. The members of said board shall be appointed

5 by the governor, with advice and consent of council to
6 hold office for the term of three years and until their
7 successors are qualified; except, however, that the first
8 five members to constitute said board shall be appointed
9 to hold as follows, to wit: two for the term of one year,
10 two for two years and one for three years. Vacancies in
11 said board at any time occurring shall be filled by the
12 governor in accordance with the provisions of this section.

SECT. 3. Before entering on their duties the members
2 of said board shall take and subscribe the oaths prescribed
3 by law to be taken by other officers appointed in like
4 manner. As soon as convenient after their appointment
5 the members of said board shall meet and organize by
6 choosing one of their number who shall serve as president
7 and another as secretary for the ensuing year and until
8 their successors are chosen, and shall meet annually there-
9 after at a time and place to be determined by said board
10 at its previous annual meeting, and may meet at such
11 other times and places as said board may deem necessary.
12 A majority of the members of said board shall constitute
13 a quorum, a true record of whose proceedings shall be
14 kept by the secretary, and shall be open at all reasonable
15 times to public inspection. The secretary, under direc-
16 tion of the board, shall further keep a register in which
17 shall be entered the name, residence and place of business
18 of every person authorized under this act to practice
19 dentistry, and shall certify a copy of the same to the
20 secretary of State, who shall enter the same in a book to
21 be kept for the purpose.

SECT. 4. Every person engaged in the practice of den-
2 tistry or dental surgery in this State at the time of the
3 approval of this act shall, within three months thereafter,

4 cause his or her name, residence and place of business to
5 be registered with said board of examiners, and regarding
6 the same shall make true answer in writing and under
7 oath to any and all questions submitted by said board,
8 and upon due compliance and payment of the fee as pro-
9 vided in section eight of this act, shall receive from said
10 board a certificate in due form signed by its president and
11 attested by its secretary authorizing such person to practice
12 dentistry in the State.

SECT. 5. Any person having received a diploma from a
2 reputable dental college upon application to said board
3 and payment of the fee as provided in section eight of
4 this act, shall be entitled to registration and to receive the
5 certificate mentioned in the preceding section.

SECT. 6. Any person desiring to practice dentistry or
2 dental surgery in this State, not possessing the qualifica-
3 tions necessary to admit him to registration under either
4 of the two preceding sections, upon first passing a satis-
5 factory examination before said board in anatomy,
6 physiology, pathology, therapeutics, chemistry, and
7 theory and practice of dentistry, and on payment of the
8 fee, as provided in section 8 of this act, shall be entitled
9 to registration, and shall receive the certificate mentioned
10 in section 4 of this act.

SECT. 7. The secretary of said board may grant a tem-
2 porary permit to practice dentistry to any suitable person
3 who shall file with said secretary his application therefor,
4 and shall deposit with him the sum of ten dollars, to be
5 applied towards the payment of said applicant's examina-
6 tion fee, except that if the applicant has received a
7 diploma from a dental college the deposit shall be two

8 dollars. Such permit shall be valid only until the next
9 meeting of said board.

SECT. 8. The board shall receive from the applicant for
2 each certificate issued under section 4 of this act the sum
3 of one dollar; for each certificate issued under section 5,
4 two dollars. For the examination of each person under
5 the provisions of section 6, twenty dollars, which shall in
6 no case be returned, but shall entitle the applicant to
7 another examination without payment of additional fee.
8 The above fee shall be in full for all services and expenses.

SECT. 9. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as
2 to restrict or interfere with physicians and surgeons in the
3 discharge of their professional duties.

SECT. 10. This act, all except the first section thereof,
shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
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