

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 194.

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, or hold
2 himself out to be a practitioner of dentistry or
3 dental surgery until he or she shall have first
4 received a certificate as hereinafter provided; and
5 whoever violates the provisions of this section shall
6 be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred
7 dollars for each offense. This section shall take
8 effect three months after 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
3 practice of dentistry in this State not less than five
4 years, is hereby created. The members of said
5 board shall be appointed by the governor, with
6 advice and consent of council to hold office for the
7 term of three years and until their successors are
8 qualified; except, however, that the first five mem-
9 bers to constitute said board shall be appointed to
10 hold as follows, to wit: two for the term of one
11 year, two for two years and one for three years.
12 Vacancies in said board at any time occurring shall
13 be filled by the governor in accordance with the
14 provisions of this section.

SECT. 3. Before entering on their duties the
2 members of said board shall take and subscribe the
3 oaths prescribed by law to be taken by other officers
4 appointed in like manner. As soon as convenient
5 after their appointment the members of said board
6 shall meet and organize by choosing one of their
7 number who shall serve as president and another
8 as secretary for the ensuing the year and until their
9 successors are chosen, and shall meet annually
10 thereafter at a time and place to be determined by
11 said board at its previous annual meeting, and may

12 meet at such other times and places as said board
13 may deem necessary. A majority of the members
14 of said board shall constitute a quorum, a true
15 record of whose proceedings shall be kept by the
16 secretary, and shall be open at all reasonable times
17 to public inspection. The secretary, under direc-
18 tion of the board, shall further keep a register in
19 which shall be entered the name, residence and
20 place of business of every person authorized under
21 this act to practice dentistry, and shall certify a
22 copy of the same to the secretary of State, who
23 shall enter the same in a book to be kept for the
24 purpose.

SECT. 4. Every person engaged in the practice
2 of dentistry or dental surgery in this State at the
3 time of the approval of this act shall, within three
4 months thereafter, cause his or her name, residence
5 and place of business to be registered with said
6 board of examiners, and regarding the same shall
7 make true answer in writing and under oath to any
8 and all questions submitted by said board, and upon
9 due compliance and payment of the fee as provided
10 in section eight of this act, shall receive from said
11 board a certificate in due form signed by its presi-
12 dent and attested by its secretary authorizing such
13 person to practice dentistry in the State.

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

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

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

9 lar. Such permit shall be valid only until the next
10 meeting of said board.

SECT. 8. The board shall receive from the appli-
2 cant for each certificate issued under section 4 of
3 this act the sum of one dollar; for each certificate
4 issued under section 5, two dollars. For the
5 examination of each person under the provisions
6 of section 6, ten dollars, which shall in no case be
7 returned, but shall entitle the applicant to another
8 examination without payment of additional fee.
9 The above fee shall be in full for all services and
10 expenses. If the applicant fails to pass said ex-
11 amination, said fee shall be returned to him.

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

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

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
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