

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

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Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 125.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to insure the better education of practitioners of  
dental surgery and to regulate the practice of dentistry in  
the State of Maine.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. No person shall practice, attempt to prac-  
2 tice, or hold himself out to be a practitioner of dentistry  
3 or dental surgery until he or she shall have first received  
4 a 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 dentists  
2 of good standing who have been in the practice of dentis-  
3 try in this State not less than five years, is hereby created.  
4 The members of said board shall be appointed by the gov-  
5 ernor, with advice and consent of council, to hold office  
6 for the term of three years and until their successors are  
7 qualified, except, however, that the first five members to  
8 constitute said board shall be appointed to hold as fol-  
9 lows: to wit: two for the term of one year, two for two  
10 years and one for three years. Vacancies in said board  
11 at any time occurring shall be filled by the governor in  
12 accordance with the provisions of this section.

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

20 the secretary of State, who shall enter the same in a book  
21 to be kept for the purpose.

SECT. 4. Every person engaged in the practice of  
2 dentistry or dental surgery in this State at the time of  
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. The state-  
6 ments of every such person shall be verified under oath  
7 before a notary public or justice of the peace in such  
8 manner as may be prescribed by the board, and upon due  
9 compliance and payment of the fee as provided in section  
10 seven of this act, shall receive from said board a certificate  
11 in due form, signed by the president and attested by the  
12 secretary authorizing such persons to practice dentistry in  
13 the State.

SECT. 5. Any person desiring to practice dentistry or  
2 dental surgery in this State who is not entitled to register  
3 under the preceding section, upon first passing a satisfac-  
4 tory examination before said board, in anatomy, phys-  
5 iology, pathology, therapeutics, chemistry and the theory  
6 and practice of dentistry; and on payment of the fee as  
7 provided in section seven of this act, shall be entitled to  
8 registration and shall receive a certificate as provided in  
9 section four of this act.

SECT. 6. The secretary of said board may grant a tem-  
2 porary permit to practice denistry 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. Such permit shall be valid only until the next  
7 meeting of said board.

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

SECT. 8. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to  
2 restrict or interfere with physicians and surgeons in the  
3 discharge of their professional duties, or with any citizen  
4 in the extraction of teeth in cases of emergency.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
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W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*