

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 372

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVEN.

AN ACT to amend chapter thirty of the Revised Statutes
relating to apothecaries and the sale of poisons.

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

Section 1. Section four of chapter thirty of the Revised
2 Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following
3 words: 'All moneys so paid to, and received by the treasurer
4 of state shall be considered funds of said board and shall be
5 subject to draft by said board for expenses incurred in official
6 work,' so that said section as amended shall read as fol-
7 lows:

‘Section 4. The board shall keep a record of the names of
9 all persons examined and registered thereunder, and a record
10 of all moneys received and disbursed by said board, a dupli-
11 cate of which record shall always be open to inspection in the
12 office of the secretary of state. Said board shall annually
13 in December make to the governor and council a report stat-
14 ing the condition of pharmacy in the state, with a full and
15 complete record of all its official acts during the year and of
16 the receipts and disbursements of the board to the last day of
17 the preceding month. Said accounts shall be audited by the
18 governor and council, and when so audited and allowed by
19 them, said board shall pay and all balance shown by said
20 accounts to be in its hands and possession, to the treasurer
21 of state on or before the first day of January annually. All
22 money so paid to, and received by the treasurer of state shall
23 be considered funds of said board and shall be subject to
24 draft by said board for expenses incurred in official work.’

Sect. 2. Section seven of chapter thirty of the Revised
2 Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word
3 “examination” in the fourteenth line thereof the words ‘the
4 said board may, in its discretion, grant certificates of regis-
5 tration to such persons as shall furnish with their application
6 satisfactory proof that they have been registered by examina-
7 tion in some other state; provided, that such other state shall
8 require a degree of competency equal to that required of
9 applicants in this state,’ so that said section as amended shall
10 read as follows:

‘Section 7. Every person not already registered, entering
12 on the business of an apothecary, upon the payment of the
13 fee of ten dollars, to the secretary of said board, except as
14 hereinafter provided, shall be examined by said commission-
15 ers, and shall present to them satisfactory evidence that he
16 has been an apprentice, or employed in an apothecary store
17 where physicians’ prescriptions are compounded, at least
18 three years; or has graduated from some regularly incor-
19 porated medical college or college of pharmacy, and is com-
20 petent for the business; the commissioners may give him a
21 certificate of that fact and that he is authorized to engage in
22 the business of an apothecary, and such certificate must be
23 signed by at least two commissioners. In case the result of
24 the examination is unsatisfactory, and no certificate is
25 granted, the applicant shall have the right to another exam-
26 ination without charge, after an interval of two months, and
27 within twelve months after the date of his first examination.
28 The said board may, in its discretion, grant certificates of
29 registration to such persons as shall furnish with their appli-
30 cation satisfactory proof that they have been registered by
31 examination in some other state; provided that such other
32 state shall require a degree of competency equal to that
33 required of applicants in this state. Only one of the part-
34 ners in a firm need be a registered druggist, *provided*, the
35 partner who compounds medicines be registered. All certifi-
36 cates issued under the provisions of this chapter shall be con-
37 stantly displayed, in a conspicuous place, in the store or shop
38 of the persons to whom the same were issued.

Sect. 3. Section eighteen of chapter thirty of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out after the word “states” in the third line thereof the words “dispensatory and pharmacopoeia” and inserting in place thereof the following words: ‘Pharmacopoeia, Dispensatory and National Formulary,’ so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Section 18. Apothecaries registered as herein provided, may keep, under such restrictions as the legislature may impose, all medicines and poisons authorized by the United States Pharmacopoeia, Dispensatory and National Formulary as of recognized municipal utility; provided, that nothing herein contained authorizes the sale of intoxicating liquors.’

Sect. 4. Said chapter is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following sections:

‘Section 21. Whoever, himself or by his servant or agent, or as the servant or agent of any other person, sells, exchanges or delivers any wood alcohol, otherwise known as methyl alcohol, shall affix to the vessel containing the same and shall deliver therewith a label bearing the words “Wood Alcohol, Poison,” in red letters of not less than one-fourth inch in height. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall pay a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars.

Sect. 22. Whoever, himself or by his servant or agent, or as the servant or agent of any other person, sells, exchanges or delivers, or has in his possession with intent to sell,

15 exchange or deliver, any article of food or drink, or any drug
16 intended for internal use, containing any wood alcohol,
17 otherwise known as methyl alcohol, shall be punished by a
18 fine of not less than two hundred dollars or by imprisonment
19 for not more than thirty days, or by both fine and imprison-
20 ment.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 1, 1907.

Reported by Mr. SMITH from Committee on Judiciary, and ordered
printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*