

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 134

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend Sections 15 and 16 of Chapter seventeen  
of the Revised Statutes, relating to practice of medicine.

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*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. Section fifteen of Chapter seventeen of the  
2 Revised Statutes of the State of Maine is hereby amended  
3 as follows, viz: By striking out the second, third, fourth and  
4 fifth words in the second line, and omitting the last six  
5 words in the sixth line, so that said section when amended  
6 shall read as follows:

'Section 15. No person shall practice medicine or surgery,  
8 or any branch thereof, within the State, unless duly regis-  
9 tered by said board. Whoever not being registered as afore-

10 said shall so practice or shall advertise or hold himself out  
11 to the public as a physician or surgeon in the State, or ap-  
12 pends to his name the letters 'M. D.', or who uses the title  
13 of doctor or physician, shall be punished by a fine of not  
14 less than one hundred, nor more than five hundred dollars  
15 for each offense or by imprisonment for three months, or  
16 both.

Sect. 2. Section sixteen of said chapter seventeen is here-  
2 by amended by inserting after the word "doctor" in the sixth  
3 line the words "nor to opticians in the work of fitting glass-  
4 es," and inserting the word "osteopathy" after the word  
5 "massage" in the eighth line, and omitting the second, third  
6 and fourth words in the ninth line, so that said section as  
7 amended will read as follows, viz:

'Section 16. The seven preceding sections shall not apply  
9 to commissioned officers of the United States army, navy or  
10 marine hospital service, or to a physician or surgeon who is  
11 called from another state to treat a particular case and who  
12 does not otherwise practice in this State, nor prohibit gra-  
13 tuitous service or the rendering of assistance in emergency  
14 cases, nor to midwives who lay no claim to the title of phy-  
15 sician or doctor, nor to opticians in the work of fitting glass-  
16 es, nor to clairvoyants or persons practicing hypnotism, mag-  
17 netic healing, mind cure, massage, osteopathy, Christian  
18 Science, so-called, or any other method of healing, if no drug  
19 is employed or surgical operation performed; provided, such

20 clairvoyants or other persons do not violate any of the pro-  
21 visions of the preceding section in relation to the use of  
22 'M. D.' or the title of doctor or physician.'

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE,

February 4, 1909.

Reported by Mr. BAXTER from Committee on Judiciary  
and ordered printed and recommitted.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*