

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 544

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*Reported by Senator Conant from Committee on Agriculture,  
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend sections two, three, four, five, six and nine  
of chapter seventeen of the Public Laws of nineteen hun-  
dred and five, regulating the practices of Veterinary Surgery,  
Medicine and Dentistry.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter seventeen of the Public  
2 Laws of one thousand nine hundred and five is hereby  
3 amended by striking out after the word "secretary" in the  
4 sixth line, the words, "No member of the board shall re-  
5 ceive any fee, compensation, or remuneration for the per-  
6 formance of any duty required of him by the provisions of

7 this act, except for actual disbursements and expenses in-  
8 curred by reason of the performance of the duties herein  
9 required, which disbursements and expenses shall be paid  
10 out of the fees received by the treasurer of said board  
11 under the provisions of section five of this act,' and by  
12 inserting in place thereof the following: 'The compensa-  
13 tion of said veterinary examiners shall be five dollars a day,  
14 for time actually employed in the performance of their offi-  
15 cial duties, and they shall be paid all necessary expenses  
16 incurred therein,' so that said section, when amended, shall  
17 read as follows:

'Sect. 2. Said board shall organize annually in the month  
19 of May by the election of one of its members as president,  
20 one as secretary, and another as treasurer, and may adopt  
21 such rules, not in conflict with the laws of the State, as  
22 they may deem proper to carry into effect the provisions  
23 of this act. They shall also adopt a seal which shall be  
24 affixed to all certificates issued by them in accordance with  
25 the provisions of this act, which certificate shall be signed  
26 by the president and secretary. The compensation of said  
27 veterinary examiners shall be five dollars a day for time  
28 actually employed in the performance of their official duties,  
29 and they shall be paid all necessary expenses incurred  
30 therein. The treasurer shall annually, on the first day of  
31 April, make written report to the governor and council of  
32 all receipts and expenditures of said board. If any balance  
33 should then appear in his hands in excess of one hundred

34 dollars, after paying all disbursements and expenses then  
35 incurred by the members of the board, he shall pay such  
36 balance to the treasurer of State, who shall apply the same  
37 to the permanent school fund.'

Sect. 2. Section three of said chapter, as amended by sec-  
2 tion one of chapter eighty-nine of the public laws of one  
3 thousand nine hundred and seven, is hereby amended by  
4 striking out from the beginning of said section the words,  
5 "It shall be unlawful for any person to advertise by sign,  
6 card or otherwise, to attach to his name the title of V. S.  
7 or veterinary surgeon or any veterinary title ordinarily  
8 used," and by inserting in place thereof the following: 'It  
9 shall be unlawful for any person to practice veterinary  
10 surgery, medicine, or dentistry, or any branch thereof,  
11 within the state,' so that said section, when amended, shall  
12 read as follows:

'Sect. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice  
14 veterinary surgery, medicine, or dentistry, or any branch  
15 thereof, within the state, without having previously obtained  
16 a certificate from the state board of veterinary examiners  
17 and being registered as herein provided.'

Sect. 3. Section four of said chapter, as amended by sec-  
2 tion two of one thousand nine hundred and seven, and by  
3 section one of chapter eighteen of the public laws of one  
4 thousand nine hundred eleven, is hereby amended by strik-  
5 ing off from the end of said section the words "nothing  
6 in this act shall be construed as prohibiting any person

7 residing in the state of Maine not registered from practic-  
8 ing veterinary surgery, medicine or dentistry or any branch  
9 thereof, and collecting reasonable compensation for such  
10 service provided such person does not attach to his name  
11 V. S., or veterinary surgeon, or any veterinary title ordin-  
12 arily used or advertised by card, sign or otherwise," and  
13 by adding in place thereof the following: 'Nothing in this  
14 act shall be construed as prohibiting the performance of  
15 services rendered by anyone in case of emergency, not pro-  
16 hibiting any person from practicing veterinary medicine,  
17 surgery, or dentistry, on any animal belonging to himself,  
18 nor shall this act be construed as prohibiting castration of  
19 animals by any resident of the state,' so that said section,  
20 when amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 4. Any person who was engaged in the practice of  
22 veterinary surgery, medicine, or dentistry, or any branch  
23 thereof in this State, on the twenty-second day of February,  
24 one thousand nine hundred and five, may, on or before the  
25 fifteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and  
26 eleven, register his name and address with the state board  
27 of veterinary examiners and give proof to said board that  
28 he was so in practice on said twenty-second day of Febru-  
29 ary, one thousand nine hundred and five, and be entitled to  
30 all rights and privileges granted by said act as he would  
31 or might have been if he had appeared before said board  
32 at the time stated in section four of the aforesaid act. Any  
33 person shall be regarded as practicing veterinary surgery,

34 medicine, or dentistry, or any branch thereof, within the  
35 meaning of this act who has publicly professed to be a  
36 veterinary surgeon, or has prescribed for sick or injured  
37 animals and accepted fees for such services, or has attached  
38 to his name the title "V. S.," or "Veterinary Surgeon," or  
39 any veterinary title ordinarily used. Nothing in this act  
40 shall be construed as prohibiting the performance of ser-  
41 vices rendered by any one in case of emergency, nor pro-  
42 hibiting any person from practicing veterinary medicine,  
43 surgery, or dentistry, on any animal belonging to himself;  
44 nor shall this act be construed as prohibiting castration of  
45 animals by any resident of this state.'

Sect. 4. Section five of said chapter, as amended by sec-  
2 tion three of chapter eighty-nine of the public laws of one  
3 thousand nine hundred and seven, is hereby amended by  
4 striking out after the word "five" in the third line, the  
5 words, "by using any veterinary title or advertising by card,  
6 sign or otherwise, shall be graduates of a legally chartered  
7 veterinary school, college or university having the power  
8 to confer degrees in veterinary surgery, and," so that said  
9 section, when amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 5. All persons who shall commence the practice of  
11 veterinary surgery, medicine, or any branch thereof, within  
12 the state, after May first, nineteen hundred and five, shall  
13 pass an examination to the satisfaction of said board of  
14 examiners. Applicants for examination as herein pro-  
15 vided shall file with the secretary of the board their written  
16 request for such examination, and shall pay to the treas-

17 urer of said board a fee of five dollars before being per-  
18 mitted to take such examination.'

Sect. 5. Section six of said chapter is hereby amended by  
2 adding to said section the following: 'Every person reg-  
3 istered by the board shall, while continuing to practice,  
4 annually pay to the secretary of the board a renewal fee  
5 of one dollar. All certificates now in force, or which shall  
6 hereafter be issued, shall be subject to renewal on or before  
7 the first day of September in each year. On hearing, the  
8 board may revoke any certificate or renewal which is ob-  
9 tained by fraud, or, when the holder is guilty of gross  
10 moral or professional misconduct, the board may deny a  
11 renewal of his certificate, subject to review by the courts,'  
12 so that said section when amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 6. The board of examiners shall issue certificates  
14 to all persons qualified to receive them under the provisions  
15 of section four and to all persons passing the examination  
16 required under section five, authorizing the holder to prac-  
17 tice veterinary surgery, medicine, or dentistry, or any  
18 branch thereof, within the state. Said certificate shall be  
19 recorded in the office of the clerk of the supreme judicial  
20 court in the county wherein the holder resides at the time  
21 of passing said examination. Said clerk shall be entitled  
22 to a fee of fifty cents for making such record and in the  
23 absence of the original certificate an attested copy of such  
24 record shall be received as evidence in all courts within the  
25 state of the right of the person therein named to practice

26 veterinary surgery, medicine, or dentistry, or any branch  
27 thereof, within the state. Every person registered by the  
28 board shall, while continuing to practice, annually pay to  
29 the secretary of the board a renewal fee of one dollar. All  
30 certificates now in force or which shall hereafter be issued,  
31 shall be subject to renewal on or before the first day of  
32 September in each year. On hearings, the board may re-  
33 voke any certificate or renewal which is obtained by fraud,  
34 or, when the holder is guilty of gross moral or professional  
35 misconduct, the board may deny a renewal of his certificate,  
36 subject to review by the courts. Any veterinarian not a  
37 graduate, desiring to render professional services in the  
38 State of Maine, in any of its departments, shall at the re-  
39 quest of the Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner, submit  
40 himself to an examination before said board of examiners  
41 as to his fitness to perform the service.'

Sect. 6. Section nine of said chapter, as amended by sec-  
2 tion four of chapter eighty-nine of the public laws of one  
3 thousand nine hundred and seven, is hereby amended by  
4 striking off from the end of said section the words, "fine  
5 not exceeding twenty dollars," and by adding in place  
6 thereof the following: 'a fine not exceeding one hundred  
7 dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more  
8 than thirty days,' so that said section, when amended, shall  
9 read as follows:

'Sect. 9. Any person who shall practice veteri-  
11 nary, medicine, or dentistry, or any branch thereof, in the



12 State of Maine without complying with the provisions of  
13 this act shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and upon  
14 conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding  
15 one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail  
16 for not more than thirty days.'