

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 25

In Senate, Jan. 24, 1917.

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W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Gillin of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to regulate the practice and business of horseshoeing:
providing for the issuance of licenses: providing for the
appointment of examiners and defining their duties: defining
certain misdemeanors and providing penalties therefor.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to follow
2 the occupation of a horseshoer in this state unless he shall
3 first have obtained a certificate of registration as provided in
4 this act; provided, however, that nothing in this act shall
5 apply to or effect any person who is now actually engaged in
6 such occupation, except as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 2. A board of examiners, to consist of five (5) persons, to be known as the Board of Examiners of Horse-shoers is hereby created to carry out and enforce the provisions of this act, said board shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and shall consist of three practical master horseshoers who have been for at least three years prior to their appointment engaged in the occupation of horseshoeing in this state. Two journeymen horseshoers who have been for at least three years prior to their appointment engaged in the occupation of horseshoeing as journeymen horseshoers in this state. Each member of said board shall serve for five (5) years and until his successor is appointed and qualified except in the case of the first board, whose members shall serve one (1); two (2); three (3); four (4); and five (5) years respectively. Each member before entering upon the duties of his office shall take the oath provided for public officers. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term.

Sect. 3. Said board shall elect from its members a president, secretary and treasurer; shall provide for and have a common seal. The secretary and president shall have power to administer oaths for the purpose of carrying on the business of said board. Said board shall have power to make all necessary rules for carrying out the purposes and provisions of this act. The secretary, before entering upon his duties, shall give a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars

9 (\$1,000.00) with sureties to be approved by the secretary of
10 state, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty.
11 The secretary shall receive all moneys and keep a complete
12 record from whom received and shall on the first day of each
13 month turn over to the treasurer of said board all moneys
14 collected or coming into his hands during the previous
15 month and take a receipt from the treasurer for the amount.
16 The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the
17 board and perform the duties required of secretaries. The
18 treasurer shall, before entering upon his duties of his office,
19 give a bond in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)
20 with sureties to be approved by the secretary of state.

Section 4. The members of said board shall receive the
2 sum of five dollars (\$5.00) per day for each day necessarily
3 employed in the discharge of their duties; their necessary
4 travelling expenses and other incidental expenses necessarily
5 incurred in the performance of their duties under this act.

Sect. 5. The board shall have the power by a majority
2 vote of its members to provide blanks, stationery and all
3 necessary expenses of the said board to properly conduct its
4 business.

Sect. 6. Said board shall hold examinations at least five
2 times each year. At least two examinations to be held in the
3 city of Augusta, Maine, and such other examinations at such
4 times and places as they may by resolution from time to time
5 determine. The board shall keep a record of all its proceed-
6 ings, which shall be open for public inspection, showing the

7 names and addresses of all horseshoers that are registered
8 under the provisions of this act and the result of their
9 examination of applicants, and all matters pertaining to their
10 proceedings.

Sect. 7. Said board shall file with the Governor on or
2 before September 30th of each year an itemized statement of
3 all receipts and expenses of the board for the year, and the
4 names of all horseshoers and their places of business that are
5 registered under the provisions of this act and such other
6 facts as they may adopt deem necessary to call to his atten-
7 tion. The expenses of the board shall be paid out of the
8 receipts of the board and shall not exceed the receipts of any
9 year.

Sect. 8. The treasurer of said board shall file with the
2 treasurer of the state of Maine, on or before September 30th
3 on each year an itemized statement of all receipts of said
4 board for each year ending September 15th and shall pay
5 into the state treasury all moneys so received monthly.

Sect. 9. All persons now actually engaged in the occupa-
2 tion of horseshoeing in this state shall within ninety days
3 from the time this act goes into effect file with said board
4 an affidavit setting forth his name, residence and length of
5 time and the place where he has practiced said occupation
6 and shall pay to the secretary of said board a fee of one
7 dollar and a certificate of registration shall be granted to
8 him, signed by the president and secretary of said board and

9 under its seal authorizing him to practice as a horseshoer in
10 this state.

Sect. 10. Any person desiring to obtain a certificate of
2 registration under this act shall (except as provided in sec-
3 tion nine (9) of this act) make application to the board
4 therefor, pay to the secretary of said board an examination
5 fee of five dollars (\$5.00); present himself at the next meet-
6 ing of the board for an examination of applicants and if he
7 shows to the satisfaction of said board that he has a certifi-
8 cate from a licensed graduate registered veterinarian show-
9 ing that he understands anatomy of a horse's limb and foot,
10 that he has studied and practiced the trade of horseshoeing
11 for a period of three years as a horseshoer under a practicing
12 horseshoer, and that he is possessed of the requisite skill in
13 said trade to properly perform the duties thereof including
14 the proper knowledge of the anatomy of a horse's foot and
15 of the most approved methods of shoeing horses and of the
16 practices pertaining to the trade, his name shall be entered by
17 the board in the register of said board and a certificate of
18 registration shall be issued to him, signed by the president
19 and secretary of said board, and under its seal authorizing
20 him to practice as a horseshoer in this state.

Sect. 11. All certificates of registration issued as provided
2 by sections nine (9) and ten (10) of the act shall be for a
3 period of one year and any certificate of registration so
4 issued may be renewed upon application of the holder
5 therefor, and upon the payment to the secretary of the board

6 of a fee of one dollar and all certificates of registration and
7 renewals thereof shall be issued for one year.

Sect. 12. Nothing in this act shall prohibit any person
2 from serving as an apprentice in said trade under a horse-
3 shoer having a certificate of registration and authorized to
4 practice under the provisions of this act.

Sect. 13. Said board shall keep a register in which shall
2 be entered the names of all persons to whom certificates of
3 registration are issued under this act which shall at all times
4 be open for public inspection.

Sect. 14. Any person practicing the occupation of a
2 horseshoer in this state without having obtained a certificate
3 of registration as provided by this act except as provided in
4 section ten (10) of this act or any person who shall have in
5 his employ any persons practicing horseshoeing without such
6 person employed having a certificate of registration as
7 provided by this act except as provided in section ten (10)
8 of this act or any person violating any of the provisions of
9 this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction
10 thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-
11 five dollars (\$25.00) or more than two hundred dollars
12 (\$200.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than
13 ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days or both fine
14 and imprisonment in the discretion of the court or upon a
15 second or subsequent offense shall be punished by a fine of
16 not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than two

17 hundred dollars (\$200.00) or by imprisonment in the county
18 jail not less than ten (10) days or more than thirty (30)
19 days or both fine and imprisonment.