

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 170

House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1919.

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Austin of Milford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to regulate the practice and business of horseshoeing ;
providing for the issuance of licenses ; providing for the ap-
pointment 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 affect any person who is now actually engaged in
6 such occupation, except as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 2. A board of examiners, to consist of three (3)

2 persons, to be known as the board of examiners of horse-
3 shoers is hereby created to carry out and enforce the pro-
4 visions of this act; said board shall be appointed by the
5 governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate
6 and shall consist of three (3) practical master horseshoers
7 who have been for at least three (3) years prior to their
8 appointment engaged in the occupation of horseshoeing in
9 this state. Each member of said board shall serve for
10 five (5) years and until his successor is appointed and quali-
11 fied, except in the case of the first board, whose members
12 shall serve one (1); two (2) and three (3) years respect-
13 ively. Each member before entering upon the duties of his
14 office shall take the oath provided for officers. Vacancies
15 shall be filled by the governor for the unexpired portion of
16 the term.

Sect. 3. Said board shall elect from its members a presi-
2 dent, secretary and treasurer; shall provide for and have a
3 common seal. The secretary and president shall have
4 power to administer oath for the purpose of carrying on the
5 business of said board. Said board shall have power to
6 make all necessary rules for carrying out the purposes and
7 provisions of this act. The secretary, before entering upon
8 his duties, shall give a bond in the sum of five hundred
9 dollars (\$500.00) with sureties to be approved by the sec-
10 retary of state, conditioned for the faithful performance
11 of his duty. The secretary shall receive all money and

12 keep a complete record from whom received and shall on
13 the first day of each month turn over to the treasurer
14 of said board all money collected or coming into his hands
15 during the previous month and take a receipt from the
16 treasurer for the amount. The secretary shall keep a
17 record of the proceedings of the board and perform the
18 duties required of secretaries. The treasurer shall, before
19 entering upon his duties of his office, give a bond in the sum
20 of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) with sure-
21 ties to be approved by the secretary of state.

Sect. 4. The members of said board shall receive the sum
2 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 vote
2 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
3 the city of Augusta, Maine, and such other examinations at
4 such times and places as they may by resolution from time
5 to time determine. The board shall keep a record of all
6 its proceedings which shall be open for public inspection,
7 showing the names and addresses of all horseshoers that

8 are registered under the provisions of this act and the result
9 of their examinations of applicants, and all matters per-
10 taining to their proceedings.

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

Sect. 8. The treasurer of said board shall file with the
2 treasurer of the state of Maine, on or before September
3 30th, of each year, an itemized statement of all receipts of
4 said board for each year ending September 15th, and shall
5 pay into the state treasury all money 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 (\$1.00) and a certificate of registration shall be
8 granted to him signed by the president and secretary of said
9 board and under its seal authorizing him to practice as a
10 horseshoer in this state.

Sect. 10. Any person desiring to obtain a certificate of registration under this act shall (except as provided in section nine (9) of this act, make application to the board therefor, pay to the secretary of said board an examination fee of five dollars (\$5.00); present himself at the next meeting of the board for an examination of applicants and if he shows, to the satisfaction of said board, that he has a certificate from a licensed graduate registered veterinarian showing that he understands anatomy of a horse's limb and foot; that he has studied and practiced the trade of horseshoeing for a period of three years (3) as a horse-shoer, under a practicing horseshoer, and that he is possessed of the requisite skill in said trade to properly perform the duties thereof, including the proper knowledge of the anatomy of a horse's foot and the most approved methods of horseshoeing and of the practices pertaining to the trade, his name shall be entered by the board in the register of said board and a certificate of registration shall be issued to him signed by the president and secretary of said board, and under its seal, authorizing him to practice as a horseshoer in this state.

Sect. 11. All certificates of registration issued, as provided by sections nine (9) and ten (10) of the act shall be for a period of one year (1) and any certificate of registration so issued may be renewed upon application of the holder therefor, and upon the payment, to the secretary of the board, of a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) and all certificates

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