

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 133

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Blanchard of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Regulate the Practice and Business of Horse-shoeing; Providing for the Insurance 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
4 in this Act, provided, however, that nothing in this Act
5 shall apply to or effect any person who is now actually
6 engaged in such occupation, except as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 2. A board of examiners to consist of three (3) 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 two (2) practical master horse-shoers who have been for at least three years prior to their appointment, engaged in the occupation of horseshoeing 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) and three (3) 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 duties, shall give a bond in the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) with sureties to be approved by the secretary of state, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty. The secretary shall receive all money and keep a complete record from whom received and shall on

13 the first day of each month turn over to the treasurer of
14 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 record
17 of the proceedings of the board and perform the duties
18 required of secretaries. The treasurer shall, before enter-
19 ing upon the duties of his office, give a bond in the sum of
20 fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00) with sureties to be ap-
21 proved by the secretary of state.

Sect. 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 traveling 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
4 its 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
4 at such times and places as they may by resolution from
5 time to time determine. The board shall keep a record
6 of all its proceedings, which shall be open for public in-
7 spection, showing names and addresses of all horseshoers
8 that are registered under the provisions of this Act and
9 the result of their examinations of applicants, and all mat-
10 ters pertaining to their proceedings.

Sect. 7. Said board shall file with the governor on or
2 before September thirtieth, of each year, an itemized state-
3 ment of all receipts and expenses of the board for the year,
4 and the names of all horseshoers and their places of busi-
5 ness that are registered under the provisions of this Act
6 and 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 thirtieth of each year, an itemized statement of all receipts
4 of said board for each year ending September fifteenth and
5 shall pay into the state treasury all money so received
6 monthly.

Sect. 9. All persons now actually engaged in the occu-
2 pation of horseshoeing in this state, shall within nine
3 days from the time this Act goes into effect, file with said
4 board an affidavit setting forth his name, residence and
5 length of time and the place where he has practiced said
6 occupation and shall pay to the secretary of said board a
7 fee of one dollar (\$1.00) and a certificate of registration
8 shall be granted to him signed by the president and secre-
9 tary of said board and under its seal authorizing him to
10 practice as a horseshoer in this state.

Sect. 10. Any person desiring to obtain a certificate of
2 registration under this act shall (except as provided in
3 section 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
7 he shows to the satisfaction of said board that he has a
8 certificate from a licensed graduate registered veterinarian
9 showing that he understands anatomy of a horse's limb
10 and foot, that he has studied and practiced the trade of
11 horseshoeing for a period of three years as a horseshoer
12 under a practicing horseshoer, and that he is possessed of
13 the requisite skill in said trade to properly perform the
14 duties thereof, including the proper knowledge of the anat-
15 omy of a horse's foot and the most approved methods of
16 horseshoeing and of the practices pertaining to the trade,
17 his name shall be entered by the board in the register of
18 said board and a certificate of registration shall be issued
19 to him signed by the president and secretary of said board,
20 and under its seal authorizing him to practice as a horse-
21 shoer in this state.

Sect. 11. All certificates of registration issued as provided
2 by sections nine (9) and ten (10) of this Act shall be for
3 a 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
6 board of a fee of one dollar and all certificates of registra-
7 tion and 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
3 of registration are issued under this Act which shall at all
4 times 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
4 in section ten (10) of this Act or any person who shall have
5 in his employ any persons practicing horseshoeing with-
6 out such person employed having a certificate of registra-
7 tion, as provided by this Act, except as provided in section
8 ten (10) of this Act, or any other person violating any of
9 the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor
10 and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine
11 of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more than
12 two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or by imprisonment in the
13 county jail not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty
14 (30) days or both fine and imprisonment in the discretion
15 of the court or upon a second or subsequent offense shall
16 be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars
17 (\$25.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or
18 by an imprisonment in the county jail not less than ten (10)
19 days or more than thirty (30) days or both fine and im-
20 prisonment.