

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 52

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House of Representatives, Feb. 7, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Nichols from Committee on Judiciary, five hundred copies ordered printed, and recommitted to Committee on Judiciary.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Amend Sections Four and Five of Chapter One Hundred Eighty-eight of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, Relating to the Regulation of the Practice of the System, Method or Science of Healing Known as Osteopathy.

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

Section 1. Section four of chapter one hundred and eighty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen is hereby amended by inserting and enacting after the word "gynecology" in the fifth line of said section the word 'surgery' and after the word "osteopathy" in the sixth line of

6 said section the following words: 'Provided, that said ex-  
7 amination in the subject of surgery shall be equivalent to  
8 the examination required by the state of Maine board of  
9 registration of medicine, of applicants for registration by  
10 it, in said subject, and, provided further, that no person  
11 heretofore registered by the board of osteopathic exami-  
12 nation and registration shall be permitted to practice surgery  
13 without passing said examination in said subject'; so that  
14 said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 4. The board shall then require the applicant to  
2 submit to an examination as to his or her other qualifica-  
3 tions for the practice of osteopathy, which examination  
4 shall include the subjects of anatomy, physiology, chem-  
5 istry, bacteriology, toxicology, pathology, dietetics, diagno-  
6 sis, hygiene, obstetrics, gynecology, surgery, and principles  
7 and practice of osteopathy. Provided, that said examina-  
8 tion in the subject of surgery shall be equivalent to the  
9 examination required by the state of Maine board of regis-  
10 tration of medicine, of applicants for registration by it, in  
11 said subject, and, provided further, that no person here-  
12 tofore registered by the board of osteopathic examination  
13 and registration shall be permitted to practice surgery with-  
14 out passing said examination in said subject. If such ex-  
15 amination is passed in a manner satisfactory to the board,  
16 then the board shall issue to the said applicant a certificate  
17 granting him or her the right to practice osteopathy in the  
18 state of Maine; provided, however, that any person who

19 has been a practitioner of osteopathy in this state for a  
20 period of three years next prior to the passage of this act,  
21 or any person having a diploma from a legally chartered  
22 osteopathic college or university having the power to con-  
23 fer degrees in osteopathy, which institution was in good  
24 standing at the time of the issuance of said diploma, who  
25 was in active practice in the state of Maine at the time  
26 of the passage of this act, shall upon exhibition of satis-  
27 factory proof thereof to said board and upon the payment  
28 of a fee of ten dollars, be entitled to make application for  
29 such certificate, which certificate shall be granted, without  
30 examination, if such application is made and filed within  
31 ninety days after this act becomes effective. Every grad-  
32 uate of a reputable school of osteopathy who has been  
33 strictly examined and thereafter licensed to practice oste-  
34 opathy in another state, may be licensed to practice oste-  
35 opathy in this state upon the payment of twenty-five dol-  
36 lars and the production to the board of his or her diploma,  
37 the license obtained in such other state, and satisfactory  
38 evidence of good moral character; but the board may, at  
39 its discretion, require an examination of any such appli-  
40 cant. The board may refuse to grant a certificate to any  
41 person convicted of a felony or who has been guilty of  
42 grossly unprofessional conduct, or who is addicted to any  
43 vice to such a degree as to render such person unfit to  
44 practice osteopathy, and may, after due notice and hearing,  
45 revoke a certificate already issued for like cause.'

Sect. 2. Section five of chapter one hundred and eighty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the word "osteopathy" in the seventh and eight lines thereof, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 5. When the board shall have granted to a person the certificate mentioned in section four, hereof, such certificate shall designate the holder as an osteopathic physician, and shall be publicly displayed at the person's principal place of business as long as such person shall continue to practice osteopathy for gain or hire. Such certificate shall entitle the person to whom it is granted to practice osteopathy in any county in this state, in all its branches as taught and practiced by the recognized schools and colleges of osteopathy.'