

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 121**

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House of Representatives, Feb. 16, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Weeks from Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed under joint rules.

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 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 eighty-  
2 eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen is  
3 hereby amended by inserting after the word "gynecology"  
4 in the fifth line of said section the word 'surgery' and after  
5 the word "osteopathy" in the sixth line of said section the

6 following words: 'Provided, that said examination in the  
7 subject of surgery shall be equivalent to the examination  
8 required by the state of Maine board of registration of  
9 medicine, of applicants for registration by it, in said sub-  
10 ject, and, provided further, that no person heretofore reg-  
11 istered by the board of osteopathic examination and registra-  
12 tion shall be permitted to practice surgery without passing  
13 said examination in said subject'; and by striking out all  
14 words in said section after the word "Maine" in the ninth  
15 line thereof to the word "every" in the nineteenth line  
16 thereof; so that said section, as amended, shall read as  
17 follows:

'Sect. 4. The board shall then require the applicant to  
2 submit to an examination as to his or her other qualifications  
3 for the practice of osteopathy, which examination shall in-  
4 clude the subjects of anatomy, physiology, chemistry, bac-  
5 teriology, toxicology, pathology, dietetics, diagnosis, hygiene,  
6 obstetrics, gynecology, surgery, and principles and practice  
7 of osteopathy. Provided, that said examination in the sub-  
8 ject of surgery shall be equivalent to the examination re-  
9 quired by the state of Maine board of registration of medi-  
10 cine, of applicants for registration by it, in said subject, and,  
11 provided further, that no person heretofore registered by  
12 the board of osteopathic examination and registration shall  
13 be permitted to practice surgery without passing said ex-  
14 amination in said subject. If such examination is passed  
15 in a manner satisfactory to the board, then the board shall

16 issue to said applicant a certificate granting him or her the  
17 right to practice osteopathy in the state of Maine. Every  
18 graduate of a reputable school of osteopathy who has been  
19 strictly examined and thereafter licensed to practice osteop-  
20 athy in another state, may be licensed to practice osteop-  
21 athy in this state upon the payment of twenty-five dollars  
22 and the production to the board of his or her diploma, the  
23 license obtained in such other state, and satisfactory evi-  
24 dence of good moral character; but the board may, at its  
25 discretion, require an examination of any such applicant.  
26 The board may refuse to grant a certificate to any person  
27 convicted of a felony or who has been guilty of grossly  
28 unprofessional conduct, or who is addicted to any vice to  
29 such a degree as to render such person unfit to practice  
30 osteopathy, and may, after due notice and hearing, revoke  
31 a certificate already issued for like cause.'

Sect. 2. Section five of chapter one hundred eighty-eight  
2 of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen is hereby  
3 amended by striking out after the first word "to" in the  
4 eighth line thereof the following words "practice obstetrics,  
5 nor to administer drugs or perform surgical operations with  
6 the use of instruments except as now allowed by statute,"  
7 and inserting in the place thereof the following words, 'ad-  
8 minister drugs except so far as necessary in recognized  
9 surgical technique,' so that said section, as amended, shall  
10 read as follows:

'Sect. 5. When the board shall have granted to a person

2 the certificate mentioned in section four, hereof, such certifi-  
3 cate shall designate the holder as an osteopathic physician,  
4 and shall be publicly displayed at the person's principal place  
5 of business as long as such person shall continue to practice  
6 osteopathy for gain or hire. Such certificate shall entitle  
7 the person to whom it is granted to practice osteopathy in  
8 any county in this state, in all its branches as taught and  
9 practiced by the recognized schools and colleges of osteop-  
10 athy, but it shall not authorize its holder to administer  
11 drugs, except so far as necessary in recognized surgical  
12 technique. Any person to whom a certificate has been  
13 granted under this act may prefix the title "Doctor," or the  
14 letters "Dr." to his name, when accompanied by the word  
15 "osteopath."