

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 137

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House of Representatives, Feb. 21, 1923.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mrs. Pinkham of Fort Kent.

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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 Entitled An Act to Amend Sections Forty-three and Forty-six, Chapter Eighteen, Revised Statutes of Maine, 1916, Relating to Optometry.

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

Section 1. Chapter eighteen, section forty-three, is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the word "five" in the eighth line  
3 thereof and substituting the word 'fifteen' therefor, so that  
4 said section as amended shall read as follows:

Sect. 43. Examination before beginning practice; fees;  
2 registration. Every person before beginning the practice  
3 of optometry in this state shall pass an examination before  
4 the state board of registration and examination in optom-

5 etry. Such examination shall be confined to such knowl-  
6 edge as is essential to the practice of optometry. Any per-  
7 son, having signified to said board his desire to be ex-  
8 amined, shall appear before the board at such time and  
9 place as they may designate, and before such examination  
10 shall pay to said board the sum of fifteen dollars, and if  
11 he shall successfully pass said examination shall pay to  
12 said board a further sum of ten dollars, on the issuance to  
13 him of a certificate. All persons successfully passing such  
14 examination shall be registered in a record which shall be  
15 kept by the secretary of said board, as licensed to practice  
16 optometry, and shall also receive a certificate of such regis-  
17 tration to be signed by the president and secretary of said  
18 board.

Sect. 2. Chapter eighteen, section forty-six, is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the word "five" in the third line  
3 thereof and substituting the word 'twenty-five' therefor,  
4 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 46. Certificate may be issued to certain persons  
2 without examination. Upon application and the payment of  
3 the sum of twenty-five dollars said board shall issue, with-  
4 out the prescribed examination, to persons practicing op-  
5 tometry in those states which, in the opinion of the board,  
6 maintain a standard in the requirements of the practice of  
7 optometry equal to the standard of this state, a certificate  
8 to practice in this state, which certificate shall be filed in  
9 the same manner as that issued to residents of the state;

10 provided, however, that such certificate shall be issued only  
11 to the residents of such states as allow similar privileges to  
12 residents of this state.'