

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Senator Perkins of Penobscot.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Regulate the Practice and Business of Horse-  
shoeing: Providing for the Insurance of Licenses: Provid-  
ing for the Appointment of Examiners and Defining Their  
Duties: Defining Certain Misdemeanors and Providing Pen-  
alties Therefor.

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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 shall  
5 apply to or affect any person who is now actually engaged  
6 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 horseshoers 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

12 a complete record from whom received and shall on the  
13 first day of each month turn over to the treasurer of said  
14 board all money collected or coming into his hands during  
15 the previous month and take a receipt from the treasurer  
16 for the amount. The secretary shall keep a record of the  
17 proceedings of the board and perform the duties required  
18 of secretaries. The treasurer shall, before entering upon  
19 his duties of his office, give a bond in the sum of fifteen  
20 hundred dollars (\$1500.00) with sureties to be approved  
21 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 neces-  
3 sarily employed in the discharge of their duties; their neces-  
4 sary traveling expenses and other incidental expenses neces-  
5 sarily incurred in the performance of their duties under  
6 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 of  
6 all its proceedings which shall be open for public inspec-  
7 tion, showing 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 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 neces-  
7 sary to call to his attention. The expenses of the board  
8 shall be paid out of the receipts of the board and shall not  
9 exceed 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,  
5 and 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 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

9 said board and under its seal authorizing him to practice  
10 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 sec-  
3 tion nine (9) of this act make application to the board there-  
4 for, pay to the secretary of said board an examination fee  
5 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 and  
10 foot, that he has studied and practiced the trade of horse-  
11 shoeing for a period of three years as a horseshoer under  
12 a practicing horseshoer, and that he is possessed of the  
13 requisite skill in said trade, to properly perform the duties  
14 thereof including the proper knowledge of the anatomy of  
15 a horse's foot and the most approved methods of horse-  
16 shoeing and of the practices pertaining to the trade, his  
17 name shall be entered by the board in the register of said  
18 board and a certificate of registration shall be issued to him  
19 signed by the president and secretary of said board and un-  
20 der its seal authorizing him to practice as a horseshoer in  
21 this state.

Sect. 11. All certificates of registration issued as pro-  
2 vided by sections nine (9) and ten (10) of this act shall  
3 be for a period of one year and any certificate of regis-  
4 tration so issued may be renewed upon application of the

5 holder therefor, and upon the payment to the secretary of  
6 the board of a fee of one dollar and all certificates of reg-  
7 istration 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 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 ten  
8 (10) of this act, or any other person violating any of the  
9 provisions 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 (10) days nor more than thirty (30)  
14 days or both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the  
15 court or upon a second or subsequent offense shall be pun-  
16 ished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)

17 nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or by an  
18 imprisonment in the county jail not less than ten (10) days  
19 or more than thirty (30) days or both fine and imprison-  
20 ment.