

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 221

In Senate, Feb. 16, 1927.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Foster of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Amend Sections Fifty-nine and Sixty of Chapter Eighteen of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter Thirty-eight of the Public Laws of 1923, Relating to Registration of Veterinary Surgeons.

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

Section 1. Section fifty-nine of chapter eighteen of the 2 revised statutes, as amended by chapter thirty-eight of the 3 public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-three is hereby 4 further amended by striking out the word "five" in the ninth 5 line of said section fifty-nine as amended and inserting in 6 place thereof the word 'fifteen' and by adding to said section 7 tion fifty-nine, as amended, the following:

'Each applicant for examination shall be a graduate of a

2 veterinary school or college legally empowered to confer  
3 degrees and which said school or college shall be recognized  
4 as maintaining a proper standard by the Bureau of Animal  
5 Industry of the United States of America. The board may  
6 make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for  
7 reciprocity of licensure with the boards of other states  
8 which maintain a standard of education and qualification  
9 at least equal to that of this state; but no such rules shall  
10 become operative until they shall have been approved by  
11 a justice of the supreme judicial court,' so that section fifty-  
12 nine, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 59. Persons not previously registered must pass  
2 an examination. The board shall meet as a board of exam-  
3 iners in the city of Augusta, on the second Monday in Jan-  
4 uary and July of each and every year, when there are ap-  
5 plicants for examination, and at such other times and places  
6 as they may find necessary for the performance of their  
7 duties. All persons not previously registered who com-  
8 mence the practice of veterinary surgery, medicine, or any  
9 branch thereof, within the state, shall pass an examination  
10 to the satisfaction of the board. Applicants for examina-  
11 tion shall file with the secretary of the board their written  
12 request for such examination, and pay to the treasurer of  
13 said board a fee of fifteen dollars before taking such exam-  
14 ination. Each applicant for examination shall be a gradu-  
15 ate of a veterinary school or college legally empowered to  
16 confer degrees and which said school or college shall be

17 recognized as maintaining a proper standard by the Bureau  
18 of Animal Industry of the United States of America. The  
19 board may make such rules and regulations as may be nec-  
20 essary for reciprocity of licensure with the boards of other  
21 states which maintain a standard of education and qualifica-  
22 tion at least equal to that of this state; but no such rules  
23 shall become operative until they have been approved by a  
24 justice of the supreme judicial court.'

Sect. 2. Section sixty of chapter eighteen of the revised  
2 statutes as amended by chapter thirty-eight of the public  
3 laws of nineteen hundred twenty-three is hereby further  
4 amended by inserting after the word "section" and before  
5 the word "authorizing" in the third line of said section  
6 sixty as amended, the words 'or licensed to practice under  
7 the rules as to reciprocity of licensure,' so that said section  
8 sixty, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 60. Veterinary practitioners must pay an annual fee  
2 of one dollar for registration card. The board of veterinary  
3 examiners shall issue certificates signed by the president and  
4 secretary, to all persons passing the examination required  
5 under the preceding section or licensed to practice under  
6 the rules as to reciprocity of licensure, authorizing the  
7 holder to practice veterinary surgery, medicine, or dentistry,  
8 or any branch thereof, within the state. Said certificate  
9 shall be considered a license to practice veterinary surgery,  
10 medicine, or dentistry in this state, except that it shall be  
11 unlawful for any person to practice veterinary surgery, med-

icine, or dentistry in this state in any year after the year  
in which said certificate is issued to him unless he shall pay  
to the treasurer of the state board of veterinary examiners  
on or before January first of said year a fee of one dollar  
for which he shall receive a registration card, which card  
shall be placed beside or attached to the certificate above  
mentioned. Said certificate shall be recorded in the office  
of the clerk of the supreme judicial court in the county  
wherein the holder resides at the time of passing said ex-  
amination, and in absence of the original certificate an at-  
tested copy of such record shall be received as evidence  
in all courts within the state, of the right of the person  
therein named to practice veterinary surgery, medicine or  
dentistry, or any branch thereof, within the state. Any  
veterinarian, not a graduate of some legally chartered vet-  
erinary college or university, desiring to render professional  
service for the State of Maine, in any of its departments,  
shall at the request of the live stock sanitary commissioner,  
submit himself to an examination before said board as to  
his fitness to perform the service.'