

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 66

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House of Representatives, Jan. 24, 1929.

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Farris of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Regulation of the Practice of the
System, Method or Science of Healing Known as Osteopathy.

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 'and such other subjects as the board may
7 deem necessary'; and by striking out all words in said sec-
8 tion after the word "Maine" in the ninth line thereof, to the

9 word "every" in the nineteenth line thereof; so that said
10 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 shall
4 include 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, and such other subjects as the board may
8 deem necessary. If such examination is passed in a manner
9 satisfactory to the board, then the board shall issue to the
10 said applicant a certificate granting him or her the right to
11 practice osteopathy in the state of Maine. Every graduate
12 of a reputable school of osteopathy who has been strictly
13 examined and thereafter licensed to practice osteopathy in
14 another state, may be licensed to practice osteopathy in this
15 state upon the payment of twenty-five dollars and the pro-
16 duction to the board of his or her diploma, the license ob-
17 tained in such other state, and satisfactory evidence of good
18 moral character; but the board may, at its discretion, re-
19 quire an examination of any such applicant. The board
20 may refuse to grant a certificate to any person convicted
21 of a felony or who has been guilty of grossly unprofession-
22 al conduct, or who is addicted to any vice to such a degree
23 as to render such person unfit to practice osteopathy, and
24 may, after due notice and hearing, revoke a certificate al-
25 ready 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 word "osteopathy" in the
4 eighth line thereof, the following words "but it shall not
5 authorize its holder to practice obstetrics, nor to administer
6 drugs or perform surgical operations with the use of instru-
7 ments except as now allowed by statute," and inserting in
8 the place thereof the following words, 'with the right to
9 use such drugs as are necessary in the practice of surgery
10 and obstetrics, including narcotics, antiseptics and anes-
11 thetics. Provided, however, that no osteopathic physician
12 shall practice major surgery, who has not had a four year
13 course in an accredited osteopathic school or college, or the
14 equivalent thereof,' so that said section, as amended, shall
15 read as follows:

'Sect. 5. When the board shall have granted to a person
2 the certificate mentioned in section four, hereof, such certi-
3 ficate shall designate the holder as an osteopathic physician,
4 and shall be publicly displayed at the person's principal
5 place of business as long as such person shall continue to
6 practice osteopathy for gain or hire. Such certificate shall
7 entitle the person to whom it is granted to practice osteo-
8 pathy in any county in this state, in all its branches as
9 taught and practiced by the recognized schools and colleges
10 of osteopathy, with the right to use such drugs as are neces-
11 sary in the practice of surgery and obstetrics, including nar-
12 cotics, antiseptics and anesthetics. Provided, however, that

13 no osteopathic physician shall practice major surgery, who
14 has not had a four year course in an accredited osteopathic
15 school or college, or the equivalent thereof. Any person
16 to whom a certificate has been granted under this act may
17 prefix the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr.", to his name,
18 when accompanied by the word "osteopath."

Sect. 3. Section eleven of chapter one hundred eighty-
2 eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen is
3 hereby amended by adding at the end thereof, the follow-
4 ing words 'and all reports and health certificates made by
5 osteopathic physicians shall be accepted by the officers of
6 the departments to which the same are made equally with
7 the reports and health certificates of allopathic and homeo-
8 pathic physicians,' so that said section, as amended, shall
9 read as follows:

'Sect. 11. All laws, rules or regulations, now in force in
2 this state, or which shall hereafter be enacted, for the pur-
3 pose of regulating the reporting of contagious diseases,
4 deaths or births, to the proper authorities, and to which
5 the registered practitioner of medicine is subject, shall ap-
6 ply equally to the practitioner of osteopathy, and all re-
7 ports and health certificates made by osteopathic physi-
8 cians shall be accepted by the officers of the departments
9 to which the same are made equally with the reports and
10 health certificates of allopathic and homeopathic physi-
11 cians.'