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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 Oste-
opathy.

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

9 the 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
11 to practice osteopathy in the state of Maine. Every grad-
12 uate of a reputable school of osteopathy who has been strict-
13 ly examined and thereafter licensed to practice osteopathy
14 in another state, may be licensed to practice osteopathy in
15 this state upon the payment of twenty-five dollars and the
16 production to the board of his or her diploma, the license
17 obtained in such other state, and satisfactory evidence of
18 good moral character; but the board may, at its discretion,
19 require 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 unprofessional
22 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 of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen is hereby amended by striking out after the word "osteopathy" in the eighth line thereof, the following words, "but it shall not authorize its holder to practice obstetrics, nor to administer drugs or perform surgical operations with the use of instruments except as now allowed by statute," and inserting in the place thereof the following words, 'with the right to use such drugs as are necessary in the practice of surgery and obstetrics, including narcotics, antiseptics and anesthetics. Provided, however, that no osteopathic physician shall practice major surgery or obstetrics, who has not graduated from an accredited osteopathic school or college, after a four year course therein, or taken sufficient post graduate proper courses to constitute the equivalent thereof, properly evidenced to said board; and that no person heretofore registered under the provisions of this act shall practice obstetrics or surgery without passing an examination before said board in surgery'; so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 5. When the board shall have granted to a person the certificate mentioned in section four, hereof, such certificate shall designate the holder as an osteopathic physician, and shall be publicly displayed at the person's principal place of business as long as such person shall continue to practice osteopathy for gain or hire. Such certificate shall entitle the person to whom it is granted to practice

8 osteopathy in any county in this state, in all its branches
9 as taught and practiced by the recognized schools and col-
10 leges of osteopathy, with the right to use such drugs as
11 are necessary in the practice of surgery and obstetrics, in-
12 cluding narcotics, antiseptics and anesthetics. Provided,
13 however, that no osteopathic physician shall practice major
14 surgery or obstetrics, who has not graduated from an ac-
15 credited osteopathic school or college, after a four year
16 course therein, or taken sufficient post graduate proper
17 courses to constitute the equivalent thereof, properly evi-
18 denced to said board; and that no person heretofore regis-
19 tered under the provisions of this act shall practice obstet-
20 rics or surgery without passing an examination before said
21 board in surgery. Any person to whom a certificate has
22 been granted under this act may prefix the title "Doctor"
23 or the letters "Dr." to his name, when accompanied by the
24 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 doctors of medicine,'
8 so that said section, as amended, shall 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 apply
6 equally to the practitioner of osteopathy, and all reports and
7 health certificates made by osteopathic physicians shall be
8 accepted by the officers of the departments to which the
9 same are made equally with the reports and health certifi-
10 cates of doctors of medicine.'