

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 550

H. P. 1022 House of Representatives, Feb. 12, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Public Health and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Farris of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Meetings of Board of Veterinary Examiners.

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

Section eighty-six of chapter twenty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the word "board" in the seventh line thereof, and inserting in place thereof the following words: 'Applicants for examination must be graduates of a recognized veterinary college, conferring degrees in veterinary medicine and surgery and recognized as such by the United States bureau of Animal Industry. They shall file with the secretary of the board written requests for such an examination and pay to the treasury of said board a fee of fifteen dollars before taking such an examination' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 86. The board shall meet as a board of examiners in the city of Augusta, on the second Monday in January and July of each and every year, when there are applicants for examination, and at such other times and places as they may find necessary for the performance of their duties. All persons not previously registered who commence the practice of veterinary surgery, medicine or any branch thereof, within the state, shall pass an examination to the satisfaction of the

board. Applicants for examination must be graduates of a recognized veterinary college, conferring degrees in veterinary medicine and surgery and recognized as such by the United States bureau of Animal Industry. They shall file with the secretary of the board written requests for such an examination and pay to the treasury of said board a fee of fifteen dollars before taking such an examination.'

Section eighty-seven of chapter twenty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following words: 'The board of veterinary examiners may, without examination as provided in section eighty-six, issue its certificate to any applicant therefor who shall furnish satisfactory proof to said board that he has been duly licensed to practice as a veterinary surgeon or doctor of veterinary medicine in any other state whose requirements for such practice are equal to that of the state of Maine, provided that he is a graduate of a recognized veterinary college' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 87. The board of veterinary examiners shall issue certificates signed by the president and secretary, to all persons passing the examination required under the preceding section, authorizing the holder to practice veterinary surgery, medicine, or dentistry, or any branch thereof, within the state. Said certificate shall be considered a license to practice veterinary surgery, medicine, or dentistry in this state, except that it shall be unlawful for any person to practice veterinary surgery, medicine, 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 superior court in the county wherein the holder resides at the time of passing said examination, and in the absence of the original certificate an attested 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 veterinary college or university, desiring to render professional service for the state of Maine, in any of its departments, shall at the request of the commissioner of agriculture, submit himself to an examination before said board as to his fitness to perform the service. The board of veterinary examiners may, without examination as provided in section eighty-six, issue its certificate to any applicant therefor who shall furnish satisfactory proof to said board that he has been duly licensed to practice as a veterinary surgeon or doctor of veterinary medicine in any other state whose requirements for such practice are equal to that of the state of Maine, provided that he is a graduate of a recognized veterinary college.'