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STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT in regard to the practice of any healing art or science.

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

Section I. No person, firm, organization or corporation shall engage in the practice of any healing art or science, to be practiced on the human body, and charge a fee therefor, without having first met the requirements of one of the examining boards designated in Chapter twenty-one (21) of the revised statutes of 1930 and having been legally licensed by one of said boards; provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed so as to effect or prevent the practice of the religious tenets of any church in the ministration to the sick or suffering by mental or spiritual means.

Sec. 2. All persons, firms, organizations and corporations exempted under the foregoing paragraph, and in practice within the state prior to January I, 193I, shall, within sixty days of the passage of this act, register with the city or town clerk, where residence or office is maintained, paying a registration fee of ten dollars and a yearly renewal fee of five dollars, receiving a certificate from the city or town clerk, entitconvicted of a felony, to engage in the practice in this state, and all laws, rules and regulations now in force in this state or

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ling the holder thereof, excepting those who have or may be convicted of a felony, to engage in the practice in this state of which shall hereafter be enacted for the purpose of regulating the report of contagious diseases and deaths to the proper authorities and to which the registered practitioners of medicine are subject, shall apply equally to the person or persons so registered under this act, and they shall observe and be subject to all such state, county and municipal laws and regulations relating to public health. But this section shall not refer to any church referred to in Section I of this Act.

Sec. 3. Any person, firm, organization or corporation practicing in violation of this act shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor less than five hundred dollars (\$500) or serve a prison sentence of not less than thirty (30) days nor less than six (6) months; or may be both fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the court.