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In Senate, January 11, 1939.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Burns of Aroostook.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to the Qualifications, Residence and Practice of Dentists.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 21, § 28, as amended by P. L. 1935, c. 97, § 1, further amended. Section 28 of chapter 21 of the revised statutes as amended by section 1 of chapter 97 of the public laws of 1935 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 28. Qualifications of applicant. All persons applying for examination and a certificate to practice dentistry in this state shall be 21 years of age, of good moral character, **a citizen of the United States**, and shall be graduates of and have a diploma from a reputable dental college, school or dental department of a reputable university, rated as A or B by the Dental Educational Council of America, and should the Dental Educational Council of America cease to exist the board of dental examiners shall rate dental colleges, dental schools, or dental departments of a university.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 21, § 30, as amended by P. L. 1935, c. 97, § 3, further amended. Section 30 of chapter 21 of the revised statutes as amended by section 3 of chapter 97 of the public laws of 1935 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Sec. 30. Certificate; fee; registration cards. Said board shall issue under its seal, to all persons who shall successfully pass said examination, its certificate of ability to practice dentistry in this state, signed by its president and secretary. Whoever engages in the practice of dentistry in this state shall keep his certificate in a conspicuous place in the operating room or rooms in which he practices. Said certificate shall be considered a license to practice dentistry in this state, except that it shall be unlawful for any person to practice 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 dental examiners on or before January 1st of said year a fee of \$100 except that residents of this state and all other persons now authorized to practice dentistry and maintaining permanent dental offices, in the state of Maine, shall pay a fee of \$1 for which they shall receive a registration card, which card shall be placed beside or attached to the certificate above mentioned. "A resident of this state" wherever used in this section shall mean one who has been a bona fide resident hereof and actually domiciled here for a period of **six** months.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 21, § 37, amended. Section 37 of chapter 21 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 37. Term "practicing dentist" defined; persons excepted. A person shall be regarded as practicing dentistry who is manager, proprietor, operator, or conductor of a place for performing dental operations, or who for a fee, salary, or other reward paid or to be paid either to himself or to another person, performs dental operations of any kind, or who holds himself out as being able to diagnose, treat, operate, or prescribe for any disease, pain, injury, deficiency, deformity, or physical condition of the human teeth, alveolar process, gums, or jaws, **or any lesion of the teeth, alveolar process, gums, jaws, oral cavity and associated parts**, and who shall either offer or undertake by any means or method to diagnose, treat, operate, or prescribe for any disease, pain, injury, deficiency, deformity, or physical condition of the same, or who uses the words dentist, dental surgeon, the letters D.D.S. or D.M.D., or any other letter or title in connection with his name, which in any way represents him as being engaged in the practice of dentistry; provided, that nothing in sections twenty-five to forty-one, both inclusive, shall apply to a legally qualified physician or surgeon, unless he is practicing dentistry as a specialty, or to a legal practitioner of dentistry of another state making a clinical demonstration before a dental society, convention, or association of dentists.'