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In Senate, February 10, 1943.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Farris of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

**AN ACT Relating to Examination and Registration of Osteopathic
Physicians.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 21, § 62, amended. Section 62 of chapter 21 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 62. Osteopaths to be registered. Any person, before engaging in the practice of osteopathy in this state, shall make application for a certificate to practice osteopathy to the board of osteopathic examination and registration, on a form prescribed by said board. Said application shall be filed with the secretary of the board, at least 7 days before the date of examination, together with a deposit of \$25, which said deposit shall be returned to **the** applicant in case the application is rejected. Each applicant must be at least 21 years of age and shall present a diploma from a high school, academy, state normal school, college or university, or otherwise satisfy the members of the board of sufficient prior academic education. The applicant shall also present a diploma granted by a legally chartered osteopathic college or university in good standing and having the power to confer degrees in osteopathy which diploma shall show that it was granted on personal attendance of the applicant and completion of a course of not less than 9 months in a year for 4 separate years **or for a total of 36**

months within a 3 to 4 year period when such college or university has adopted compressed or accelerated courses as a war emergency measure. All applicants must also present a certificate of good moral character, ~~signed by some reputable resident of the state of Maine,~~—and such other reasonable and proper facts as the board in its blank application may require’.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 21, § 63, amended. Section 63 of chapter 21 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 63. Examination; board may refuse to grant license. The board shall then require the applicant to submit to an examination as to his or her other qualifications for the practice of osteopathy, which examination shall include the subjects of anatomy, physiology, chemistry, bacteriology, toxicology, pathology, dietetics, diagnosis, hygiene, obstetrics, gynecology, surgery and principles and practice of osteopathy, and such other subjects as the board may deem necessary. If such examination is passed in a manner satisfactory to the board, then the board shall issue to the said applicant a certificate granting him or her the right to practice osteopathy in the state of Maine. **If such applicant fails to pass such examination, he or she shall be entitled to one re-examination within 1 year thereafter without further charge.** Every graduate of a reputable school of osteopathy who has been strictly examined and thereafter licensed to practice osteopathy in another state, and having the same or equivalent educational standards as this state, may be licensed to practice osteopathy in this state upon the payment of \$25 and the production to the board of his or her diploma, the license obtained in such other state, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character; but the board may, at its discretion, require an examination of any such applicant. The board may refuse to grant a certificate to any person convicted of a felony or who has been guilty of grossly unprofessional conduct, or who is addicted to any vice to such a degree as to render such person unfit to practice osteopathy, and may, after due notice and hearing, revoke a certificate already issued for like cause.’

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 21, § 67, amended. Section 67 of chapter 21 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 67. Fees to be remitted to treasurer of state monthly; compensation and expenses of board. All fees received by the secretary and not returned to the applicant shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of the state. The compensation of members of the board shall be ~~\$5~~ \$10 per day for each day actually spent in the discharge of their duties, and, in addition thereto, they shall receive necessary traveling expenses. The secretary shall be allowed

extra compensation for books, stationery, postage and other necessary expenses authorized by the board and actually incurred. The compensation and expenses of said board and its secretary and all other expenses proper and necessary in the opinion of said board to discharge its duties hereunder and to enforce the provisions of sections 60 to 70, inclusive, shall be paid out of the state treasury after the approval of the state auditor upon a requisition signed by the president and secretary of said board, provided that the amounts so paid shall in no case exceed the total amount received ~~for the current year~~ by the treasurer of state from the board as fees; and so much of said receipts as may be necessary is hereby appropriated for the compensation and expenses of the board as aforesaid.'