

# NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

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Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary Presented by Senator Martin of Kennebec.

## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE

#### AN ACT Relating to Qualifications of Applicants for Registration as Licensed Physicians or Surgeons.

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

Sec. I. R. S., c. 66, § 3, amended. The 1st sentence of section 3 of chapter 66 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Any citizen of the United States who is a graduate of a medical school designated as Class A, by and approved by the American Medical Association and who has served as an intern for at least 12 months in a hospital approved by the American Hospital Association and the American Medical Association shall, upon the payment of a fee of \$25, be entitled to examination and, if found qualified by a majority of the members of the Board present, shall be registered as a physician or surgeon, and shall receive a certificate thereof under the seal of the Board and signed by the chairman and secretary, which shall state the facts and must be publicly displayed at the person's principal place of business as long as said person continues such practice for gain or hire.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 66, § 4, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 4 of chapter 66 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Each applicant shall, at least 7 days before the date of his examination, present to the secretary of the Board an application under oath or affirmation, containing satisfactory proof that said applicant is **a citizen of the United States**, 21 years of age, of good moral character and a graduate of some reputable medical school or college in good standing, having power to confer degrees in medicine and maintaining a standard of preliminary education and of medical instruction approved by the Board, which said standard shall at least require that the applicant for admission to said medical school or college shall present to said school or college, before beginning the study of medicine therein, the diploma of a high school or equivalent school having a course of study requiring an attendance through 4 school years, or a certificate of having passed a satisfactory examination before the Commissioner of Education or like state officer in the studies embraced in the curriculum of such high school or other equivalent school.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 66, § 4, amended. Section 4 of chapter 66 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the 2nd sentence thereof a new sentence, to read as follows:

'He shall also present satisfactory proof that he has served as an intern for 12 months in a hospital approved by the American Hospital Association and the American Medical Association.'