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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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CHAP. 204 election and until others are qualified in their stead, except when removed for cause, or when appointed to serve out an unexpired term; and they shall be sworn to faithfully perform their duties.'

Sec. 9, ch. 147,
public laws of
1873, repealed.

SECT. 2. Section nine of chapter one hundred and forty-seven of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three is hereby repealed.

Approved February 9, 1877.

Chapter 204.

An act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of Apothecaries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Commissioners of
pharmacy, ap-
pointment of.

—term of office.

—vacancy.

—powers and
duties.

—fees for servi-
ces.

SECT. 1. The governor, with the advice of the council, shall appoint three suitable persons to be commissioners of pharmacy, one of whom shall hold his office for one year, one for two years, and the other for three years, and each until his successor shall be appointed and qualified; and each year thereafter another commissioner shall be so appointed for three years and until a successor is appointed and qualified. If a vacancy occurs in said commission, another shall be appointed, as aforesaid, to fill the unexpired term thereof. Before entering upon the duties of their office, the commissioners shall be sworn to faithfully and impartially discharge the same, and a record thereof shall be made on their commissions.

SECT. 2. Said commissioners shall examine any person who hereafter desires to engage in the business of an apothecary, and if found skilled in pharmacy, shall give him a certificate of that fact, and that he is authorized to engage in the business of an apothecary, and such certificate must be signed by at least two commissioners. They shall register in a suitable book, to be kept in the secretary of state's office, the name and places of residence of all persons to whom they issue certificates, and the dates thereof, and for each certificate of registration given under the provisions of this act, said commissioners shall be entitled to receive from the applicant five dollars, which shall be in full for all services and expenses.

SECT. 3. Every person hereafter entering upon the business of an apothecary shall first be examined by said commissioners, and present to them satisfactory evidence that he has been an apprentice or employed in an apothecary store where physicians' prescriptions are compounded, at least three years, or has graduated from some regularly established medical school, or college of pharmacy, and is competent for the business, and the commissioners may then grant him a certificate and registry as hereinbefore provided.

Every person entering upon business of apothecary shall be examined.

—qualifications.

Commissioners may grant certificate.

SECT. 4. Any person engaged in the business of apothecary at the passage of this act may receive a certificate and be registered as aforesaid, on application to said commissioners, and presenting to them satisfactory evidence of his competency therefor.

Apothecaries may receive certificate and be registered.

SECT. 5. Apothecaries registered as herein provided, shall have the right to keep, under such restrictions as the legislature may impose, all medicines and poisons authorized by the United States dispensatory and pharmacopœia as of recognized medicinal utility; *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorize the sale of intoxicating liquors.

—duties and restrictions.

Proviso.

SECT. 6. If any person shall hereafter engage in the business of an apothecary, who is not now in said business, contrary to the provisions of this act, he shall be subject to a penalty of fifty dollars for each week he shall so continue in such business, to be recovered by an action of debt for the use of any person suing therefor, or by indictment for the use of the county.

Penalty for violation.

—how to be recovered.

SECT. 7. This act shall not apply to physicians putting up their own prescriptions, or to the sale of proprietary medicines.

Exceptions to application.

Approved February 9, 1877.