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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
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OF THE
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rated or labeled, shall forfeit one dollar for every can so sold or offered for sale, to be recovered by complaint, indictment or action of debt. No person shall use in the herring fishery, in any of the waters of this state, torches or any artificial light, of any kind, for the purpose of catching herring, under a penalty of ten dollars for each offense.'

Commis-
sioner of sea
and shore
fisheries shall
enforce
penalties.

'Section 28. The commissioner of sea and shore fisheries shall insist upon the strict observance of the provisions of the preceding section and enforce the penalties for violation thereof.'

Section 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 22, 1905.

Chapter 17.

An Act to regulate the practice of Veterinary Surgery, Medicine and Dentistry.

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

Board of
veterinary
examiners
established.

Section 1. A board is hereby established to be known as the state board of veterinary examiners; said board shall be composed of three veterinary surgeons, residents in the state, who are graduates from some legally chartered veterinary college or university having the power to confer degrees in veterinary surgery, and who shall have been actively employed in the practice of their profession for a period of at least five years. On or before May first, nineteen hundred five, the governor shall appoint the members of said board to serve as follows: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and thereafter he shall annually appoint one member of said board for the term of three years. Any vacancy in said board shall be filled by appointment by the governor, within thirty days after such vacancy shall arise, of a person, qualified as aforesaid, to hold office during the unexpired term of the member whose place he fills. Any member of said board may be removed from office, for cause, by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council.

—appoint-
ment and
tenure.

—vacancies,
how filled.

—members
may be
removed
for cause.

Organization
and officers.

—may adopt
rules.

—shall adopt
seal.

Section 2. Said board shall organize annually in the month of May by the election of one of its members as president, one as secretary, and another as treasurer, and may adopt such rules, not in conflict with the laws of the state, as they may deem proper to carry into effect the provisions of this act. They shall also adopt a seal which shall be affixed to all certificates issued by them in accordance with the provisions of this act, which

certificate shall be signed by the president and secretary. No member of the board shall receive any fee, compensation, or remuneration for the performance of any duty required of him by the provisions of this act, except for actual disbursements and expenses incurred by reason of the performance of the duties herein required, which disbursements and expenses shall be paid out of fees received by the treasurer of said board under the provisions of section five of this act. The treasurer shall annually, on the first day of April, make written report to the governor and council of all receipts and expenditures of said board. If any balance should then appear in his hands in excess of one hundred dollars, after paying all disbursements and expenses then incurred by the members of the board, he shall pay such balance to the treasurer of state, who shall apply the same to the permanent school fund.

—fees, etc.

—expenses, how paid.

—treasurer shall make annual report.

Section 3. On and after September first, nineteen hundred and five, it shall be unlawful for any person to practice veterinary surgery, medicine, or dentistry, or any branch thereof, within the state, without having previously obtained a certificate from the state board of veterinary examiners and being registered as herein provided.

Practitioners obtain certificate.

Section 4. Any person who shall be engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery, medicine, or dentistry, or any branch thereof in this state, on the date of the approval of this act, may lawfully continue such practice upon condition that he shall, on or before September first, nineteen hundred and five, register his name and address with said state board of veterinary examiners and give satisfactory proof to said board that he was so in practice on said date of approval. Any person shall be regarded as practicing veterinary surgery, medicine, or dentistry, or any branch thereof, within the meaning of this act, who has publicly professed to be a veterinary surgeon, or has prescribed for sick or injured animals and accepted fees for such services, or has attached to his name the title 'V. S.' or 'Veterinary Surgeon,' or any veterinary title ordinarily used. Nothing in this act shall be construed as prohibiting the performance of gratuitous services rendered by any one in case of emergency, nor prohibiting any person from practicing veterinary medicine, surgery, or dentistry, on any animal belonging to himself; nor shall this act be construed as prohibiting castration of animals by any resident of this state.

Present practitioners shall register.

—definition of term, practitioner.

Section 5. All persons who shall commence the practice of veterinary surgery, medicine, or dentistry, or any branch thereof, within the state after May first, nineteen hundred five, shall be graduates of a legally chartered veterinary school, college, or

Future practitioners shall be graduates of chartered institution.

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—application for examination to be in writing.

—fee.

Board of examiners may issue certificates.

—certificates to be recorded.

Board of examiners shall keep record.

—record shall be open to public inspection.

President of board may administer oaths and take testimony.

Penalty for practicing in violation of this act.

Meetings of the board.

university, having the power to confer degrees in veterinary surgery, and shall pass an examination to the satisfaction of said board of examiners. Applicants for examination as herein provided, shall file with the secretary of the board their written request for such examination, and pay to the treasurer of said board a fee of five dollars before being permitted to take such examination.

Section 6. The board of examiners shall issue certificates to all persons qualified to receive them under the provisions of section four and to all persons passing the examination required under section five, authorizing the holder to practice veterinary surgery, medicine, or dentistry, or any branch thereof, within the state. Said certificate shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the supreme judicial court in the county wherein the holder resides at the time of passing said examination. Said clerk shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents for making such record and in the absence of the original certificate an attested copy of such record shall be received as evidence in all courts within the state of the right of the person therein named to practice veterinary surgery, medicine, or dentistry, or any branch thereof, within the state.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of said board of examiners to keep a record of all practitioners who shall qualify under the provisions of this act, and to register therein the name, age, and time spent in the study and practice of veterinary surgery, medicine and dentistry, and, if a graduate, the name and location of the school or college granting his diploma. Such record shall be open to public inspection at all times, within reasonable hours, at the office of the secretary of the board.

Section 8. The president of said board shall have power to administer oaths and to take testimony for the proper enforcement of this act and the rules established by said board.

Section 9. Any person who shall practice veterinary surgery, medicine or dentistry, or any branch thereof, in the state of Maine, after September first, nineteen hundred five, without complying with the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than thirty days.

Section 10. Said board shall meet as a board of examiners in the city of Augusta, on the second Monday in January and July of each and every year, when there are applicants for examination, and at such other times and places as they may find necessary for the performance of their duties.