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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-fourth  
Legislature

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## Chapter 244.

An Act to amend Chapter four hundred and ninety-two of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-five entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Maine Medical Association," and to confirm the re-organization of said Association.

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

Section 1,  
Chapter 492,  
special  
laws, 1855,  
amended.

Section 1. Section one of chapter four hundred and ninety-two of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-five is hereby amended by striking out the words "members thereof" in the fourteenth and fifteenth lines of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'said association, or house of delegates,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Corpora-  
tors.

'Section 1. H. H. Hill, John Benson, John D. Lincoln, Gilman Davies, Joseph W. Ellis, John Hubbard, James McKeen, Alonzo Garcelon, H. L. K. Wiggin, John Cook, Sylvester Oakes, N. C. Harris, Alcander Burbank, William Kilbourne, I. P. Fessenden, P. Dyer, Edmond R. Russell, Isaac Lincoln, John T. Gilman and others, who may be elected agreeably to the rules and by-laws hereafter to be established, are hereby created a body politic by the name of the Maine Medical Association, with power to sue and be sued, to have a common seal and to change the same, to make any by-laws not repugnant to the laws of this state, and to make and hold any real or personal estate to the value of fifty thousand dollars; and to give, grant, bargain, sell and convey the same. The use and income of said estates to be expended and appropriated to uses consistent with the objects of said association, and as the said association or house of delegates shall direct.'

—corporate  
name.

—powers  
and privi-  
leges.

—by-laws,

—may hold  
real and  
personal es-  
tate.

Section 2,  
Chapter 492,  
special  
laws, 1855,  
amended.

Section 2. Section two of said chapter four hundred and ninety-two of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-five is hereby amended by striking out the first, second, third and fourth lines of said section and the word "therein" in the fifth line of said section, and substituting in lieu thereof the following words: "The officers of said association shall consist of a president, one or more vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, councillors, or such other officers as said association may judge necessary or convenient, which said officers may be elected or appointed in such manner and for such terms, and shall perform such duties and be subject to such restrictions, as may from time to time be fixed and provided in the constitution and by-laws of said association;" and by striking out the words "and such other officers as they" in the

fifth line of said section two, and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'or such other officer as said association or house of delegates,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 2. The officers of said association shall consist of a president, one or more vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, councillors, or such other officers as said association may judge necessary or convenient, which said officers may be elected or appointed in such manner and for such terms, and shall perform such duties and be subject to such restrictions, as may from time to time be fixed and provided in the constitution and by-laws of said association; and the president, or such other officer as said association or house of delegates may direct, is hereby authorized to administer to the officers, oaths binding them to the faithful and impartial performance of their several offices.'

Officers,  
how chosen

—tenure and  
duties.

Section 3. Section three of chapter four hundred and ninety-two of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred fifty-five is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 3,  
Chapter 492,  
special  
laws, 1855,  
amended.

'Section 3. Said association shall consist of members, the qualification, classification, election, suspension and expulsion whereof shall be fixed by the constitution and by-laws of said association, and such amendments thereof as may from time to time be made not contrary to the laws of this state. Provided that no person shall be so elected or become a member of said association who has not received the degree of Doctor of Medicine for some medical institution duly authorized to confer the same, nor unless he shall have passed a successful examination, and be approved by the censors of said association, or of some county society instituted by this association, as a suitable person and properly qualified to become a member thereof.'

Member-  
ship, how  
fixed.

—proviso.

Section 4. Section four of chapter four hundred ninety-two of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred fifty-five is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4,  
Chapter 492,  
Special  
laws, 1855,  
amended.

'Section 4. At the first meeting of said association, and at every annual meeting thereafter, there shall be elected or appointed by the house of delegates of said association, or as may be provided in its constitution and by-laws, such number of councillors, who shall also be censors or examiners, as may be deemed necessary or proper for the performance of the duties devolving upon them under the constitution and by-laws of said association.'

May choose  
councillors  
who shall be  
censors or  
examiners.

## CHAP. 244

Section 5,  
Chapter 492,  
special  
laws, 1855,  
amended.

—Meet-  
ings, time  
and place  
of, to be  
designat-  
ed.

—special  
meetings.

Section 7,  
Chapter 492,  
special laws,  
1885, amend-  
ed.

May insti-  
tute local  
county and  
district so-  
cieties.

Chapter 492,  
special laws,  
1885, amend-  
ed by addi-  
tional sec-  
tion 8.

May create  
a house of  
delegates.

Chapter 492,  
special laws,  
1885, amend-  
ed by addi-  
tional sec-  
tion 9.

Members  
entitled to  
letters testi-  
monial.

Acts and  
doings ratif-  
ied and  
confirmed.

Section 5. Section five of chapter four hundred and ninety-two of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-five is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

‘Section 5. Prior to the adjournment of the first meeting, or each succeeding annual meeting, the time and place of holding the next succeeding annual meeting shall be designated, and when the association does adjourn it shall adjourn accordingly. Provided, however, special meetings of the association or house of delegates may be called and held in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of said association.’

Section 6. Section seven of chapter four hundred and ninety-two of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-five is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

‘Section 7. Said association through its council or house of delegates shall have power to institute local county and district societies in any part of this state, when satisfied that the science and practice of medicine and surgery will be benefited and elevated thereby, and to annul any of the same when said association or its council or house of delegates shall deem its beneficial influence to have ceased.’

Section 7. Chapter four hundred and ninety-two of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-five is hereby amended by adding thereto section eight which shall read as follows:

‘Section 8. Said association may create a house of delegates, also such subordinate bodies and such subdivisions of said association with all such rights and powers, and subject to such limitations and restrictions, not contrary to law, as may be fixed and provided in the constitution and by-laws of said association, and may prescribe the method of election or appointment of members thereof.’

Section 8. Chapter four hundred and ninety-two of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-five is hereby amended by adding thereto section nine which shall read as follows:

‘Section 9. Every member of the association shall be entitled to receive letters testimonial, which the association is hereby authorized and empowered to confer, in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of said association.’

Section 10. All acts and doings of said association as appear by the records thereof, in reorganizing said association, and adopting a new constitution and code of by-laws effecting said reorganization, are hereby ratified and confirmed.