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for each \$100,000, or part thereof, of the unpaid balances at the time of the assignment of obligations arising from consumer credit transactions entered into in this State taken by assignment during the preceding calendar year, but an assignee need not pay a fee with respect to an obligation on which the assignor or other person has already paid a fee.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1976.

Effective January 1, 1976

CHAPTER 403

AN ACT Concerning Replacement of Eyeglasses and Certain Other Prosthetic Devices under the Workmen's Compensation Statutes.

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

39 MRSA § 52, 3rd ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 222, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

In every case where any of said services or aids are procured by the employee, it shall be his duty to see that the employer is given prompt notice thereof. The employer shall then make prompt payment for same, provided said costs were necessary and adequate and the charges therefor reasonable. The employer shall furnish artificial limbs, eyes, teeth, eyeglasses, hearing aids, orthopedic devices and other physical aids made necessary by such injury and shall replace or renew the same when necessary from wear and tear or physical change of the employee.

Damage and destruction to artificial limbs, eyes, teeth, eyeglasses, hearing aids, orthopedic devices and other physical aids in the course of and arising out of the employment shall be considered an injury for the purposes of this Act. In case such physical aids in use by the employee at the time of the injury are themselves injured or destroyed, the commission in its discretion may require that they be repaired or replaced by the employer.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 404

AN ACT to Clarify the Medical Practice Act.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 3269, sub-§ 9, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 591, § 1, is amended to read:

Said board shall annually ~~on or before the first day of July in each year~~ make a report to the Governor and to the Legislature containing a full and complete account of all its official acts during the preceding year, and a statement of its receipts and disbursements and such comments or suggestions as it may deem essential.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 3270-A, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 514, § 2, is amended to read:

Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit an individual from rendering medical services, if such services are rendered under the supervision and control of a physician or surgeon, provided that such individual shall have satisfactorily completed a training program approved by the Board of Registration in Medicine and any competency examination determined by this board.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA § 3271, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 591, § 1, is amended to read:

Any graduate of a medical school in the United States or Canada designated as accredited by the American Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges, or any foreign medical school graduate who is either a citizen of the United States or has been admitted to the United States for permanent residence as an immigrant and who has been evaluated by the Educational Council Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates and is a recipient of its permanent certificate, or has successfully completed an academic year of supervised clinical training under the direction of a medical school approved by the American Medical Association and who has served an internship for spent at least 12 months or its equivalent in an a graduate educational program approved by the American Medical Association or the Medical Council of Canada, the Canadian Medical Association, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or the Board of Registration in Medicine, upon payment of a fee of \$125, shall be entitled to examination, and if found qualified by a majority of the members of the board, shall be registered as a physician or surgeon in the State of Maine.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA § 3276, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 591, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 3276. Temporary licensure

Any physician who is qualified under section 3271 may be granted a temporary license for a period not to exceed one year, when the board deems it necessary to provide relief for local or national emergencies or for situations in which there are insufficient physicians to supply adequate medical services. The fee for this temporary license shall be \$50 payable at the time of application.

Sec. 5. 32 MRSA § 3277, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 591, § 1, is amended to read:

Any physician, a graduate of an accredited medical school or university or a foreign medical school graduate, who holds a permanent certificate from the Educational Council Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, or has successfully completed an academic year of supervised clinical training under the direction of a medical school approved by the American Medical Association, and who is of good repute may, at the discretion of the board, make application for a temporary license to practice be temporarily licensed as camp physician so that he may care for the campers in that particular camp for which he was hired and obtained as a camp physician.

Sec. 6. 32 MRSA § 3278, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 591, § 1, is amended to read:

§ 3278. *Locum tenens*

Any physician, a graduate of an accredited medical school or university or foreign medical school graduate who holds a permanent certificate from the Educational Council Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, or has successfully completed an academic year of supervised clinical training under the direction of a medical school approved by the American Medical Association, and who is of good repute may, at the discretion of the board, be given a temporary license to be effective for not more than 6 months after issuance for the purpose of permitting such physician to serve as "locum tenens" for some other physician who is then licensed to practice medicine in this State and whose own license is not temporary or limited under any of the provisions of this chapter, provided that such Maine physician is either unable because of illness to maintain his practice or because of his absence from the general locus of such practice or for other reasons deemed sufficient by the board.

Sec. 7. 32 MRSA § 3279, first and 2nd ¶¶, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 591, § 1, are amended to read:

Any physician who is otherwise qualified under section 3271 may be licensed by the board as an intern for no longer than a period of 24 months.

Any physician who is otherwise qualified under section 3271 may be licensed by the board as a hospital resident.

Sec. 8. 32 MRSA § 3280, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 591, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The registration fee for residents of this State and for nonresidents shall be fixed by rule or regulation, but shall in no event exceed the sum of \$25.

Sec. 9. 32 MRSA § 3280, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 591, § 1, is amended to read:

Thirty days after such notice has been sent, if reregistration has still not been made, the board shall notify said licensee by registered mail, return receipt requested, with instructions to deliver to addressee only, that his license has been suspended for 30 days, at the end of which period, if reregistration has still not been made, the board shall summarily revoke said license and shall not restore same except after hearing and upon the following conditions: The licensee shall show cause why he failed to reregister and pay to said board \$10 for each biennial period that he is in arrears the board for registration fee arrearage and an additional reinstatement fee of \$25.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 405

AN ACT Creating Knox County Commissioner Districts.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 105-T is enacted to read:

§ 105-T. *Creation of Knox County Commissioner Districts*

Knox County shall be divided into the following 3 districts: