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CHAPTER 68.

PRACTICE OF ANY HEALING ART OR SCIENCE.

Sec. 1. Practice of healing arts and sciences regulated. 1931, c. 244, § 1. No person, firm, organization, or corporation shall engage in the practice of any healing art or science, to be practiced on the human body, and charge a fee therefor, without having first met the requirements of one of the following examining boards:

- I. Registration in medicine,
- II. Registration of nurses,
- III. Registration of dentists,
- IV. Registration of osteopaths,
- V. Registration of chiropractors,
- VI. Registration of podiatrists,

and having been legally licensed by one of said boards; provided that nothing in this chapter shall be so construed as to affect or prevent the practice of the religious tenets of any church in the ministration to the sick or suffering by mental or spiritual means.

See c. 61, § 7, re use of the prefix "Doctor"; c. 61, § 1, et seq., re registration in medicine; c. 63, § 1, et seq., re registration of nurses; c. 64, § 1, et seq., re registration of osteopaths; c. 65, § 1, et seq., re registration of chiropractors; c. 66, § 1, et seq., re registration of dentists; c. 67, § 1, et seq., re registration of podiatrists.

Sec. 2. Registration of exempted persons. 1931, c. 244, § 2. The provisions of the foregoing section shall not apply to any person engaged within the state, prior to January 1, 1931, in the practice of any healing art or science as provided in section 1, but such persons shall be permitted to continue such practice without meeting the requirements of any of said examining boards upon registering with the clerk of the municipality where such person resides and paying a registration fee of \$10 and an annual license fee of \$5. The receipt issued by any town or city clerk in the state for such annual license fee shall constitute a certificate entitling the holder thereof to practice under the terms of this section. No person who has been convicted of a felony shall be entitled to register or renew the license herein provided. The license fee herein provided shall not apply to any person registered in accordance with the requirements of any of the examining boards designated in section 1 or engaged in the practice of the religious tenets of any church.

Sec. 3. Penalty. 1931, c. 244, § 3. Any person, firm, organization, or corporation practicing in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100, nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not less than 30 days, nor more than 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.