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essional cards shall not be considered as advertising if same contain only the podiatrist's name, title, address, phone number and office hours.

IX. Lettering on doors, windows and any signs shall be in keeping with the size and style deemed ethical by colleagues in similar professional practices. Neon signs shall be considered as advertising, in bad taste, and are prohibited.

X. Announcement cards of opening a new office, closing of an office or change of location may be inserted in newspapers or sent direct by mail, provided same be in keeping with size, style, frequency and duration of those ethical by colleagues in similar professional practices.

XI. Advertising prices, free services or free examinations are specifically prohibited.

XII. A podiatrist shall refrain from any conduct generally considered unprofessional or unethical by the learned professions.

The said examiners may, after a lapse of 6 months, at their discretion, reissue a license which has been suspended or revoked. (R. S. c. 67, § 8. 1955, c. 261, § 3.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment rewrote this section.

Sec. 10. Definitions; use of anaesthesia.—The practice of podiatry is defined as the diagnosis or the external treatment of the structure of the human foot by medical, mechanical or surgical means without the use of anaesthetics other than local; except that the use of local anaesthesia shall be restricted to use only by those podiatrists who have been granted a doctorate degree from a school approved by the examiners. The words "podiatrist" and "chiropodist" and "podiatry" and "chiropody" as used in this chapter shall be construed to be synonymous.

A podiatrist is defined as one who administers any such aforesaid treatment to the human foot. (R. S. c. 67, § 10. 1955, c. 261, § 4.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment rewrote this section.

Chapter 76.

Registration of Optometrists.

Sec. 5. License fee.—Every registered optometrist shall annually, before the 1st day of April, pay to the board the sum of \$5 for each office location as a license renewal fee for such year; and in case of default in such payment by any person his certificate may be revoked by the board. (R. S. c. 69, § 5. 1949, c. 336, § 4. 1955, c. 53, § 3.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment inserted the words "for each office location."

Sec. 10. Certificate refused, suspended or revoked.

VIII. Willfully violating any of the rules and regulations of the board. (1955, c. 53, § 1)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment inserted the above subsection VIII in this section. As the rest of the section was not changed, it is not set out.

Sec. 12. Corporate practice of optometry; violation of rules of the board.—No person who shall receive a certificate of registration or license to practice optometry in this state shall assign, lease, sublet, give or grant unto any person, copartnership, firm or corporation the right or privilege to practice optometry, directly or indirectly, under said registration and no registered optometrist, under this chapter, shall associate himself in any way with any person not a registered optometrist nor any copartnership, firm or corporation for the promotion of any commercial practice for profit or division of profit, which enables

any such person, copartnership, firm or corporation to engage, either directly or indirectly, in the practice of optometry in this state; and any optometrist, registered under the provisions of this chapter, guilty of such conduct or of violation of the provisions of this section, shall be punished by having his certificate and registration to practice optometry in this state suspended or revoked; provided that no certificate of registration shall be suspended or revoked for any of the foregoing causes unless the person accused has been given at least 10 days' notice in writing of the charge against him and afforded a public hearing before the board. (1949, c. 336, § 12. 1955, c. 53, § 2.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment deleted the words "or willfully violating any of the rules and regulations of the board promulgated as provided in this chapter," which formerly followed the word "section" in line eleven.

Chapter 77.

Registration of Veterinary Surgeons.

Sec. 2. Organization and officers; oaths and testimony; treasurer; expenses; annual report.—The board shall organize annually in the month of July by the election from its members of a president, and a secretary who shall be 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 chapter. They shall adopt a seal which shall be affixed to all certificates issued by them in accordance with the provisions of section 5. The president of said board may administer oaths and take testimony for the proper enforcement of the provisions of this chapter and the rules established by said board. The treasurer shall receive all fees, charges and assessments payable to the board and account for and pay over the same according to law; and shall annually, on the 1st day of July, make written report to the governor and council of all receipts and expenditures of said board. (R. S. c. 70, § 2. 1947, c. 175, § 1. 1955, c. 134.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment substituted "July" for "January" in the first sentence.

Sec. 3. Meetings; examination; fee.—The board shall meet as a board of examiners in the city of Augusta on the 2nd Monday and the Tuesday following said 2nd Monday of July when there are applicants for examination, and at such other times and places as they may find necessary for the performance of their duties. All persons not previously registered, who commence the practice of veterinary surgery, medicine or any branch thereof within the state, shall pass an examination to the satisfaction of the board. Applicants for examination shall file with the secretary of the board their written request for such examination at least 15 days previous to the time of said examination with satisfactory proof of graduation from colleges having power to grant degrees in veterinary medicine, which said colleges shall be approved by the board, and shall pay to the treasurer of said board a fee of \$20 before taking such examination. (R. S. c. 70, § 3. 1947, c. 175, § 2. 1955, c. 139.)

Effect of amendment.—Prior to the 1955 amendment the first sentence provided for meetings on the second Monday of January and July.

Chapter 79.

Water Improvement Commission.

Sec. 1. Water improvement commission; organization.—The water improvement commission, as heretofore established and hereinafter in this