

CHAPTER 602

AN ACT to amend 147.15, 147.17 (1), 147.185 (2) and (5) and 154.02 of the statutes, relating to increases in examination and reciprocity fees for license to practice medicine and surgery, increase in examination and reciprocity fees for certificate in physical therapy, increase in examination fees for certificate to practice chiropody, and increasing state revenues by an estimated \$4,000.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 147.15 of the statutes is amended to read:

147.15 Application may be made at the time and place designated by the board or at a regular meeting. Applicants for license to practice medicine and surgery shall present satisfactory evidence of good moral and professional character, and of having completed a preliminary education equivalent to graduation from an accredited high school of this state, and also a diploma from a reputable professional college. Applicants for license to practice medicine and surgery shall present to the board a diploma from a reputable medical or osteopathic college with standards of education and training substantially equivalent to the university of Wisconsin medical school, approved and recognized by the board. Before approving and recognizing any such college or school, the board shall conduct an investigation and during the course thereof shall hold a public hearing, with notice to all interested parties, at which any person may be heard. The board may designate an agent, including one or more board members, to conduct a portion or all of such investigation to determine the facts upon which the board shall make its findings. The findings and any action taken by the board with reference to approval or recognition of a school or college may be reviewed in the manner provided in ch. 227. The applicant shall present also satisfactory evidence of having completed a college course in physics, chemistry and biology, substantially equivalent to the premedical course at the university of Wisconsin, and if the professional college from which a diploma is presented does not require for graduation a hospital internship of at least 12 months in addition to a 4 years' course, a certificate of completion of such internship in a reputable medical or osteopathic hospital. Each applicant shall file a verified statement that he is familiar with the state health laws and the rules and regulations of the state board of health relating to communicable diseases. The application shall be accompanied by a fee, to be fixed by the board at not more than * * * \$45 and \$5 additional for license if issued. An immigrant applicant shall present satisfactory evidence of having first citizenship papers, and if his professional education was completed in a foreign college, the application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$75, and the further fee of \$5 upon the issuance of license shall not be required. Applicants shall pay also the cost of translation into English by the board of documents and papers in a foreign language.

SECTION 2. 147.17 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

147.17 (1) If 6 members find the applicant for license qualified, it shall issue a license to practice medicine and surgery, signed by the president and secretary-treasurer and attested by the seal. Before granting a license by reciprocity, the board shall conduct an investigation in the manner provided in s. 147.15 to determine whether the requirements for licensure in the state in which the applicant for reciprocity is licensed are equivalent to those of this state. If it finds that the requirements in an-

other state are equivalent to those of this state, the board may issue a license to practice medicine and surgery without written examination to a person holding a license to practice medicine and surgery, or osteopathy and surgery, in such other state, upon presentation of the license and a diploma from a reputable professional college approved and recognized by the board, or an honorably discharged surgeon of the armed services of the United States, or of the federal public health service, upon filing of a sworn and authenticated copy of his discharge; provided that such discharge was within one year of such application for license by reciprocity in lieu of its own examination, the board may accept, either in whole or in part, the certificate of the national board of medical examiners. Fee for license with or without written examination shall be fixed by the board at not less than the reciprocity fee in the state whose license the applicant presents, and in no case less than * * * \$100. A person licensed before 1916 to practice osteopathy shall be licensed to practice surgery upon presenting satisfactory evidence of having completed a course in surgery at a reputable osteopathic college, requiring not less than 20 months' actual attendance, and the regular examination of the board in surgery, and being found qualified by 6 members. The board may deny the application of one not 21 years of age. No certificate of registration shall be considered equivalent to a license.

SECTION 3. 147.185 (2) and (5) of the statutes are amended to read:

147.185 (2) An applicant for a certificate of registration as a physical therapist shall file written application on forms provided by the board. The applicant shall present satisfactory evidence that he is at least 20 years of age, is of good moral character, has obtained a high school education or its equivalent, and has been graduated from a school of physical therapy with standards of education and training substantially equivalent to that of the University of Wisconsin. He shall pay to the board * * * \$25 and present himself for examination at the first meeting thereafter at which examinations are to be held.

(5) The board may issue a certificate of registration without examination to any person who applies on or before December 31, 1953, and who furnishes the board with sufficient and satisfactory evidence that, on July 11, 1953 he had practiced physical therapy in this state and possesses the prerequisites for examination set forth in sub. (2). The board may issue a certificate of registration in physical therapy without examination to an applicant who presents evidence satisfactory to the board of having been licensed or certified as a physical therapist in another state or foreign country with standards determined by the board to be as high as those of this state. At the time of making such application the applicant shall pay a fee of * * * \$25. The board may also issue without examination a permit to practice physical therapy for not to exceed 6 months to any person who meets the qualifications of this section upon certification that he has been assigned to this state on a temporary basis to assist in a medical emergency and upon the payment of a \$2 permit fee.

SECTION 4. 154.02 of the statutes is amended to read:

154.02 The applicant shall file written application on forms provided by the board, and satisfactory proof that he is more than 21 years of age, of good moral and professional character, has preliminary education equivalent to the completion of an approved 3-year course in an accredited high school, and after July 1, 1926, equivalent to graduation from an accredited high school and after July 1, 1940, in addition one year in a recognized college of liberal arts or science, and has completed in a reputable school of chiropody a course, at least equivalent to 3 years of 37 weeks of 30 class hours each, in anatomy and physiology of the feet, and diagnosis of the foot ailments and deformities which the chiropodist

is authorized to treat, materia medica, chiropodial orthopedics, bacteriology, pathology, histology, therapeutic chemistry, and minor surgery and bandaging pertaining to ailments of the feet, and the mechanical treatment of congenital or acquired deformities of the feet, pay * * * \$25, and present himself for examination at the first meeting thereafter at which examinations are to be held. After July 1, 1950, no degree which entitles one to practice chiropody in this state shall be accepted from any recognized university or college of chiropody except that of "Doctor of Surgical Chiropody" as a requisite before the board of medical examiners. Any school conferring the "D.S.C." degree must require a prerequisite of one year in a college of liberal arts accredited to the university of Wisconsin, plus a professional curriculum of 4 years, with at least 32 weeks and at least 30 class hours each week, with adequate clinical or hospital facilities. The fee shall not be refunded unless from sickness, or other good cause to the satisfaction of the board, the applicant was prevented from completing the examination; subsequent examinations under the application may be given in the discretion of the board without payment of additional fee.

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