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CHAPTER 585.

AN ACT to amend 20.475 (1) and (2), 125.03 (1), (2) and (3), 125.04, 125.05, 125.06 (2) and (4), 125.08 (1) and 125.15 (3) and (5) of the statutes, relating to the licensing of watchmakers and the sale of secondhand watches, making an appropriation, and imposing penalties.

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

SECTION 1. 20.475 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

20.475 (1) To each member of the board, as compensation, * * * \$15 for each day actually spent to perform the duties of said office and his actual and necessary expenses.

(2) To the secretary of the board, such * * * compensation as may be determined by the board * * *.

SECTION 2. 125.03 (1), (2) and (3) of the statutes are amended to read:

125.03 (1) There is created a board to be known as the "Wisconsin board of examiners in watchmaking" whose duties it shall be to carry out the provisions of sections 125.01 to 125.10 *and to promote the education and training of watchmakers.* Such board shall consist of 5 members, appointed by the governor within 60 days after April 29, 1937. All persons so appointed shall have been residents of this state and actually engaged in watchmaking, as defined in section 125.01, for at least 5 years immediately preceding the time of their appointment. Each member of said board shall hold office for 5 years and until his successor shall be appointed and qualifies, except that in the first appointments, one member shall be appointed for one year, one for 2 years, one for 3

years, one for 4 years and one for 5 years and the term of office in each such case shall be designated by the governor at the time of the appointment. Members of the board, before entering upon their duties, shall respectively take and file the official oath. The board shall have a common seal.

(2) The board shall choose annually, one of its members as president and one as secretary, who shall severally have power to administer oaths and take affidavits, certifying thereto under the seal of the board. The board shall meet at least once every 6 months at the state capitol, and in addition thereto, whenever and wherever the officers shall call a meeting. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum. The board may retain legal counsel if it deems it necessary. The secretary shall give such bond as the board shall determine to be proper. The secretary shall keep a full record of its proceedings, which shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times. The members and officers of the board shall be compensated as follows: Each member of the board shall be paid a per diem of ten dollars for time actually spent in the performance of his duties and for necessary expenses; the secretary, in addition to such * * * expenses, may be paid an annual salary * * * to be determined by the board.

(3) The board may appoint such clerks and assistants as it may deem necessary to the execution of its functions and fix their salaries. * * *

SECTION 3. 125.04 of the statutes is amended to read:

125.04 Applicants for certificates shall be examined at a time and place fixed by the board. Applications for examinations shall be filed with the board at least 10 days before the date set for the examination and shall be accompanied by an examination fee of * * * \$20. The applicant shall be of good moral character, at least 20 years of age and shall have completed an apprenticeship of not less than one year.

SECTION 4. 125.05 of the statutes is amended to read:

125.05 An applicant, to be entitled to a certificate, shall pass an examination before the board, which examination shall be confined to such knowledge, practical ability and skill as is essential in the proper repairing of watches, and shall include an examination of theoretical knowledge of watch construction and repair, and also a practical demonstration of the applicant's skill in the manipulation of watchmaker's tools. The board shall make rules and regulations for conducting examinations and shall define the standards of workmanship and skill. In case of failure at any examination, the applicant shall have the privilege of taking another examination at any other examination period upon the payment of a fee of * * * \$10.

SECTION 5. 125.06 (2) and (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

125.06 (2) A watchmaker in good standing, registered and licensed in another state and having engaged in watchmaking therein for 2 years immediately preceding his application for a certificate, upon filing with the board satisfactory proof thereof, may, in the discretion of the board, be issued a certificate without examination upon the payment of a fee of * * * \$25, provided the standards in such other state are at least as high as those defined and established by the board.

(4) Certificates of registration shall expire on December 31 of each year and may be renewed for one year upon the payment of a fee of * * * \$6. Applications may be made for renewal after December 15 of each year.

SECTION 6. 125.08 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

125.08 (1) The board may revoke a certificate of registration upon the failure of the holder thereof to pay the annual renewal fee, upon giving said holder 30 days' notice in writing of such proposed revocation. Notice shall be sufficient when sent by registered mail to the last known address of the holder.

SECTION 7. 125.15 (3) and (5) of the statutes are amended to read:

125.15 (3) Any person, or agent or employe thereof, who sells a secondhand watch shall deliver to the vendee a written invoice setting forth the name and address of the vendor, the name and address of the vendee, the date of the sale, the name of the watch or its maker, and the serial numbers (if any) or other distinguishing numbers or identification marks on its case and movement. In the event the serial numbers or other distinguishing numbers or identification marks have been erased, defaced, removed, altered or covered, such facts shall be stated in the invoice. A duplicate of such invoice shall be kept on file by the vendor of such secondhand watch for at least one year from the date of the sale thereof and shall be open to inspection during all business hours by the district attorney, or his representative, of the county in which the vendor is engaged in business, or by the chief of police, or his representative, of the city in which such person is engaged in business. If the vendor does not maintain an established place of business within this state, he shall within 2 days after every such sale, file such duplicate copies in the office of the county clerk of the county in which such sale was made.

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(5) Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than * * * \$20 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment in the county jail * * * not more than 100 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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