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CHAPTER 153

AN ACT to amend 147.15 (1) and 147.17 (1) of the statutes, relating to the application for and licenses to practice medicine and surgery.

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

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

147.15 (1) 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 * * * as provided in ch. 227. The applicant shall *also* present * * * satisfactory evidence of having completed a college course in physics, chemistry and biology, substantially equivalent to the premedical course at the university of Wisconsin * * *. 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 so notify him and shall issue a license to practice medicine and surgery, signed by the president and secretary-treasurer and attested by the seal upon receiving satisfactory evidence that the applicant has completed a hospital internship of at least 12 months in a reputable medical or osteopathic hospital. Before granting a license by reciprocity, the board shall conduct an investigation * * * as 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 another 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.

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