

CHAPTER 342

AN ACT to repeal 147.17 (2); to amend 147.14 (1), 147.15, 147.16, 147.17 (1), 147.175 (1) and (3), 147.19 (2) and 147.20 (1) and (4); and to create 147.20 (6) of the statutes, relating to licensure requirements for treating the sick.

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

SECTION 1. 147.14 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

147.14 (1) No person shall practice or attempt or hold himself out as authorized to practice medicine, surgery, or osteopathy, or any other system of treating * * * *the sick as the term "treat the sick" is defined in s. 147.01 (1) (a)*, without a license or certificate of registration from the state board of medical examiners, except as otherwise specifically provided by statute * * *.

SECTION 2. 147.15 and 147.16 of the statutes are 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 \$40 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.*

147.16 Having complied with s. 147.15, the applicant shall be examined in * * * *medicine and surgery, * * * and further examined in the * * * subjects * * * taught in reputable professional colleges.*

SECTION 3. 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 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. Fee for license without written examination shall be fixed by the board at not less than the reci-**

procuity fee in the state whose license the applicant presents, and in no case less than \$75. 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 4. 147.17 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 5. 147.175 (1) and (3) of the statutes are amended to read:

147.175 (1) Every person licensed to and engaged in or entering upon the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathy, or osteopathy and surgery in this state, shall, in the month of January of each year, register with the secretary of the * * * state board of medical examiners, upon a form to be furnished by the board. The registration form, to be signed by each registrant, shall contain his name, his residence address, the name of the place and the address at which he is engaged in practice, and any other relevant information for the purpose of identifying the registrant which the board may prescribe. Persons licensed or relicensed in this state to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathy, or osteopathy and surgery, subsequent to January 31 of a given year shall register as required by the terms of this section within 30 days after being so licensed. * * * The * * * *secretary-treasurer* of the board, on or before December 1 of each year, shall mail or cause to be mailed to every person registered hereunder the registration form above required. Each person registered hereunder shall display his proper registration certificate conspicuously in his office at all times.

(3) On or before March 10 in each year the * * * *secretary-treasurer* of the * * * state board of medical examiners shall * * * cause to be published and mailed to each person registered hereunder a printed list of those so registered, which list shall be divided according to the branch of healing in which the registrant is licensed. The * * * *secretary-treasurer* of the board shall also cause to be mailed a copy of such published list to the secretary of state, the district attorney of each county, each local board of health, the sheriff of each county, the chief of police of each community, and to any other public official who may request or have need thereof.

SECTION 6. 147.19 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

147.19 (2) None of the provisions of this chapter or the laws of the state regulating the practice of medicine or healing shall be construed to interfere with the practice of Christian Science * * *, nor shall any person who selects such treatment for the cure of disease be compelled to submit to any form of medical treatment.

SECTION 7. 147.20 (1) and (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

147.20 (1) The words "immoral or unprofessional conduct" as used in this section mean: (a) Procuring, aiding or abetting a criminal abortion; (b) advertising in any manner either in his own name or under the name of another person or concern, actual or pretended, in any newspaper, pamphlet, circular, or other written or printed paper or document the curing of venereal diseases, the restoration of "lost manhood," the treatment and curing of private diseases peculiar to men or women, or the advertising or holding himself out to the public in any manner as a specialist in diseases of the sexual organs, or diseases caused by sexual weakness, self-abuse or excessive indulgences, or in any diseases of a like nature or produced by a like cause, or the advertising of any medicine or any means whatever whereby the monthly periods of women can be regulated or the menses re-established, if suppressed, or being employed by or in the service of any person, or concern, actual or pretended so advertising; (c) the obtaining of any fee; or offering to accept a fee on the assurance or promise that a manifestly incurable disease can be or will be permanently cured; (d) wilfully betraying a professional secret; (e) indulging in the drug habit; (f) conviction of an offense involving moral turpitude; (g) *engaging in conduct unbecoming a person licensed to practice or detrimental to the best interests of the public.*

(4) When a license or certificate is revoked no license or certificate shall be granted thereafter to such person. Any license or certificate heretofore or hereafter revoked may be restored by subsequent order of the trial court, but only after a first revocation, upon notice to the district attorney who prosecuted, or, in the event of his disability, his successor in office, upon written recommendation by * * * the state board of medical examiners, and upon findings by the court that the applicant for restoration of license or certificate is presently of good moral and professional character and that justice demands the restoration.

SECTION 8. 147.20 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

147.20 (6) A license or certificate of registration may be voluntarily surrendered by its holder and shall be reissued by the board only when justice demands such reissuance. The action of the board may be reviewed in the manner provided in ch. 227.

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