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CHAPTER 431.

AN ACT to amend 147.15 and 147.16, and to create 147.17 (3), (4), (5) and (6) of the statutes, relating to the qualification, examination and license of osteopathic applicants and osteopathic physicians and surgeons 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 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, in addition to having 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, 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 \$20 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 \$50, and the further fee of \$5 upon the issuance of license shall not be required; however, any applicant who by reason of his nationality is ineligible to citizenship and who is a graduate of a reputable professional college in this country prior to the taking effect of this section and is possessed of all other necessary qualifications to secure a license shall be issued a license provided at least one of his parents shall have been a native of the state of Wisconsin. 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 section 147.15, the applicant shall be examined in anatomy, physiology, general diagnosis, pathology, histology, chemistry, hygiene, * * * sanitation, *materia medica and pharmacology*. All applicants shall be given the same examination in the foregoing subjects * * *. *Medical and osteopathic* applicants * * * shall be further examined in the branches usually taught in reputable professional colleges.

SECTION 2. 147.17 (3), (4), (5) and (6) of the statutes are created to read:

147.17 (3) A person licensed to practice osteopathy and surgery may apply to the board to be examined in materia medica and pharmacology as may be required by the board. Such applicants shall be given the same examination in materia medica and

pharmacology as is given to applicants from medical colleges at any regular meeting of the board. Such application shall set forth the date such person was licensed to practice, the number of years and place or places in which he has practiced together with a statement from a reputable osteopathic college that applicant has successfully completed a refresher course approved by the board in materia medica and pharmacology consisting of not less than 64 hours of lectures and 60 hours of laboratory work while in actual attendance at such college; if the applicant shall be unsuccessful he may apply for re-examination at any subsequent meeting of the board. The application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$20. Upon successfully passing such examination and payment of a fee of \$5 and upon surrender of the old license the board shall issue a new license to practice medicine and surgery.

(4) Whenever the statutes authorize or require a practitioner of medicine to do or perform an act or to issue any statement, affidavit or certificate such statute shall be construed to include those practitioners of osteopathy and surgery who hold such new license to practice medicine and surgery.

(5) Sections 147.15 and 147.16 (as amended in 1949) and sections 147.17 (3) and 147.17 (4) shall not be construed to abrogate the existing rights, privileges and immunities of any person licensed to practice osteopathy or osteopathy and surgery who do not hold a license to practice medicine and surgery.

(6) A license to practice medicine and surgery granted to an osteopathic applicant shall not authorize the holder to use the title "doctor of medicine" nor the letters "M.D.".

Approved July 7, 1949.
