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By Messrs. Canavan of Revere, Rowan of Revere and Bly of Saugus, petition of Joseph S. Goldfarb, Harold W. Canavan, other members of the General Court and others for the establishment of a board of registration of sanitarians for the purpose of regulating the practice of sanitary science. Public Health.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

### AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF SANITARY SCIENCE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 13 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 18, under  
3 the caption BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF SANITARIANS  
4 the three following sections: —

5 *Section 18A.* There shall be a board of registra-  
6 tion of sanitarians, consisting of three members, to  
7 be appointed by the governor, with the advice and  
8 consent of the council, in the two following sections  
9 called the board. One member shall be a representa-  
10 tive of the department of public health, one an edu-  
11 cator in the field of sanitary science, and the third a  
12 representative of the Massachusetts Section of the  
13 National Association of Sanitarians. One member  
14 shall annually be appointed in April for three years.

15 *Section 18B.* The board shall hold at least two  
16 regular meetings in each year in Boston and shall

17 annually choose from its own number a chairman  
18 and a secretary.

19 *Section 18C.* There shall be paid by the common-  
20 wealth to the chairman and secretary a salary of one  
21 hundred and fifty dollars each, and to the third mem-  
22 ber of the board a salary of one hundred and twenty-  
23 five dollars. Said compensation shall be in addition  
24 to any other compensation received from the com-  
25 monwealth by the representative of the department  
26 of public health. Said compensation and any other  
27 expenses necessarily incurred by the board or any  
28 member thereof shall be paid by the commonwealth;  
29 provided, that such compensation and expenses shall  
30 not be in excess of the annual receipt for examina-  
31 tion paid to the commonwealth by the board.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 53, under  
3 the caption REGISTRATION OF SANITARIANS, the eight  
4 following sections: —

5 *Section 53A.* The word “sanitarian” as used in  
6 sections fifty-three A to fifty-three H, inclusive, un-  
7 less the context otherwise requires, shall mean a  
8 person trained in the field of sanitary science and  
9 technology, who is qualified to carry out educational  
10 and inspectional duties and enforce the laws in the  
11 field of environmental sanitation.

12 *Section 53B.* To be eligible prior to July first,  
13 nineteen hundred and fifty-three, for registration as  
14 a sanitarian by the board of registration of sani-  
15 tarians, herein and in sections fifty-three C to fifty-  
16 three H, inclusive, called the board, an applicant  
17 must —

18 (a) Have been graduated from an approved high  
19 school or its equivalent as determined by the board;

20 (b) Have completed an acceptable training course  
21 in the principles of sanitation;

22 (c) Have had one year of experience applying the  
23 principles of sanitation; and

24 (d) Pass to the satisfaction of the board an exam-  
25 ination conducted by it to determine his fitness for  
26 practice as a sanitarian.

27 The requirement of paragraph (a) and of either  
28 paragraph (b) or (c) shall be deemed satisfied if the  
29 applicant has a bachelor's degree and majored in a  
30 basic science. The requirements of paragraphs (a),  
31 (b) and (c) shall be deemed satisfied if the applicant  
32 has a bachelor's degree and majored in sanitation or  
33 sanitary engineering.

34 *Section 53C.* To be eligible on or after July first,  
35 nineteen hundred and fifty-three, for registration by  
36 the board as a sanitarian, an applicant must —

37 (a) Have successfully completed two years of a  
38 junior college, college or university accredited by the  
39 state board of education, with major in basic sciences;

40 (b) Have completed a course in sanitation which  
41 may have been included in the requirements of para-  
42 graph (a) or which may have been completed there-  
43 after; and

44 (c) Pass to the satisfaction of the board an ex-  
45 amination conducted by it to determine his fitness  
46 for practice as a sanitarian.

47 The requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) shall  
48 be deemed satisfied if the applicant has a bachelor's  
49 degree and majored in basic sciences, including  
50 courses in sanitation, or in sanitation or sanitary  
51 engineering.

52 *Section 53D.* A person who desires to be registered  
53 as a sanitarian, shall apply to the board upon an ap-  
54 plication form prescribed and furnished by the board.

55 He shall include in such application statements made  
56 under oath, satisfactory to the board, showing that  
57 he possesses the necessary qualifications preliminary  
58 to examination. He shall pay to the board at the  
59 time of filing his application a fee of ten dollars.  
60 Every registered sanitarian shall apply annually to  
61 the board for a renewal of his registration and pay  
62 a fee of five dollars.

63 *Section 53E.* The board shall examine applicants  
64 for registration as sanitarians at such times and  
65 places as it may determine. The examination may be  
66 or oral or both, at the option of the board, and shall  
67 include such subjects in sanitary science as the board  
68 may determine.

69 *Section 53F.* It shall be unlawful for any person  
70 to engage actively or to represent himself as a sani-  
71 tarian, unless he is registered with the board; pro-  
72 vided, that the board may, in its discretion, permit  
73 the employment of assistant sanitarians under the  
74 supervision of a registered sanitarian for a period of  
75 total employment not exceeding two years. Who-  
76 ever violates any provision of this section shall be  
77 punished by a fine of not more than five hundred  
78 dollars or by imprisonment for not more than three  
79 months, or both.

80 The provisions hereof shall apply only to those  
81 persons who are employed as sanitarians.

82 *Section 53G.* Any person who is registered in this  
83 commonwealth to practice as a sanitarian shall have  
84 the right to use after his name the title "Registered  
85 Sanitarian" and the letters "R.S." No other person  
86 shall assume such title or use such letters or any  
87 other words, letters, signs or figures to indicate that  
88 he is a registered sanitarian.

89 *Section 53H.* The board may register, without  
90 examination, any person who has been registreed as  
91 a sanitarian in another state under laws which, in  
92 the opinion of the board, maintain standards sub-  
93 stantially the same as those of this commonwealth  
94 for sanitarians. The fee for registration without ex-  
95 amination under this section shall be ten dollars.

1 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
2 this act, the board of registration of sanitarians shall  
3 register, without examination, any person who, on or  
4 before the effective date of this act, has (1) passed  
5 an official civil service examination given by the  
6 commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof  
7 qualifying him as a sanitarian, food and market in-  
8 spector, sanitary health inspector, housing inspector,  
9 board of health agent, health inspector, milk inspector  
10 and collector of samples; (2) been employed as a  
11 sanitarian, food and market inspector, sanitary  
12 health inspector, housing inspector, health officer,  
13 board of health agent, health inspector, milk inspec-  
14 tor and collector of samples by the commonwealth  
15 or any political subdivision thereof; or (3) been  
16 certified as a registered sanitarian by the board of  
17 examiners of the National Association of Sanitarians,  
18 including sanitarians, educators in the field of sani-  
19 tary science and doctors of medicine who are asso-  
20 ciated with city, town or state boards of health,  
21 food and market inspectors, sanitary health in-  
22 spectors, housing inspectors, health officers, board of  
23 health agent, health inspector, milk inspector and  
24 collector of samples.

1 SECTION 4. Any person who has served in the  
2 active military or naval service of the United States

3 at any time on or after September sixteenth, nine-  
4 teen hundred and forty, and prior to April first, nine-  
5 teen hundred and forty-seven, or in the Korean con-  
6 flict and was honorably discharged or released  
7 therefrom, and who has had experience while in such  
8 service, evidenced by official records, equivalent to  
9 the requirements of paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of sec-  
10 tion fifty-three B of chapter one hundred and twelve  
11 of the General Laws, shall be deemed to have satis-  
12 fied such requirements so as to entitle him to take  
13 the examination for registration as a sanitarian, pro-  
14 vided he makes application for such examination  
15 within two years from the effective date of this act  
16 or within two years of honorable discharge from  
17 service.

1 SECTION 5. Of the members of the board of regis-  
2 tration of sanitarians first appointed under authority  
3 of this act, one shall be appointed by the governor,  
4 with the advice and consent of the council, for the  
5 term of one year, one for the term of two years, and  
6 one for the term of three years.

1 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the  
2 application thereof to any person or circumstances  
3 is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other  
4 provisions or applications of the act which can be  
5 given effect without the invalid provision or applica-  
6 tion, and to this end the provisions of this act are de-  
7 clared to be severable.

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