

HOUSE No. 887.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 2, 1899.

The committee on Public Health, to whom was referred the bill (introduced on leave) relative to the practice of pharmacy (House, No. 342), report that the same ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the Committee,

WM. D. WHEELER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine.

AN ACT

Relative to the Practice of Pharmacy.

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. Section one of chapter three hun-
2 dred and ninety-seven of the acts of the year
3 eighteen hundred and ninety-six, is hereby
4 amended by striking out all of said section and
5 inserting in place thereof the following:—

6 *Section 1.* The board of registration in phar-
7 macy shall consist of five persons. The appoint-
8 ments to fill vacancies occurring from expiration
9 of terms of office shall be for five years from the
10 first day of October in each year, and no person
11 shall hereafter serve as a member of said board
12 for more than five years, consecutively,—provid-
13 ing that the present members of said board shall
14 continue to hold their offices during the terms for
15 which they were severally appointed. The ap-
16 pointments to said board shall be made by the

17 governor with the advice and consent of the
18 council, and only skilled pharmacists, resident in
19 the Commonwealth, who have had ten consecu-
20 tive years of practical experience in the com-
21 pounding and dispensing of physicians' prescrip-
22 tions and actively engaged in the drug business,
23 shall be eligible, and not more than one member
24 of said board shall be interested in the sale of
25 drugs, medicines and chemicals and the com-
26 pounding and dispensing of physicians' pre-
27 scriptions in the same councillor district. Any
28 member of said board may be removed from
29 office for cause by the governor.

1 SECTION 2. Section five of said chapter three
2 hundred and ninety-seven is hereby amended by
3 inserting in the sixth line thereof, after the word
4 "re-examined," the words "after the expiration
5 of three months," so that said section shall read
6 as follows: —

7 *Section 5.* Any person desiring to do business
8 as a pharmacist shall, upon payment of a fee of
9 five dollars, be entitled to examination, and if
10 found qualified shall be registered as a pharmacist,
11 and shall receive a certificate signed by the pres-
12 ident and secretary of said board.

13 Any person may be re-examined after the ex-
14 piration of three months at any regular meeting
15 of the board, upon the payment of a fee of three
16 dollars. All fees received by the board under
17 this] act shall be paid by the secretary of the
18 board into the treasury of the Commonwealth.

