

HOUSE No. 71

Accompanying the fourth recommendation of the Board of Dental Examiners (House, No. 67). Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR THE ILLEGAL PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY.

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

1 Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 52, as appearing in the Ter-
3 centenary Edition, with all amendments thereafter
4 enacted, and inserting in place thereof the follow-
5 ing: —

6 *Section 52.* Any person who falsely asserts that
7 he has a certificate granted by the board, or who,
8 having such a certificate or a duplicate thereof, fails
9 to exhibit the same as required by section forty-five,
10 or who falsely and with intent to deceive claims to be
11 a graduate of any college granting degrees in dentistry,
12 or who, except as permitted by the following section,
13 directly or indirectly practices or attempts to prac-
14 tice dentistry or dental hygiene without being regis-
15 tered under sections forty-five to fifty-one, inclusive,
16 or corresponding provisions of earlier laws, or any

17 registered dentist or incorporated dental company who
18 employs or permits a person to practice dentistry
19 unless such person is registered and exhibits his name
20 and certificate as provided in sections forty-four and
21 forty-five, or any person who violates any provision
22 of sections forty-three to fifty-three, inclusive, for
23 which no other penalty is provided, shall, except as
24 provided in section sixty-five, be punished by a fine of
25 not more than three hundred dollars or by imprison-
26 ment for six months, or both; and any registered
27 dentist who fails to exhibit his full name, as required
28 by section forty-four, shall be punished by a fine of
29 not more than fifty dollars; provided, that any cor-
30 poration violating any provision of sections forty-
31 three to fifty-three, inclusive, shall be punished by the
32 fine herein provided for such violation, and its officers,
33 owners or managers concerned in the violation shall
34 be punished by the fine or imprisonment herein pro-
35 vided for such violation, or both.