

HOUSE No. 91

Accompanying the third recommendation of the Board of Registration of Medicine (House, No. 88). Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REVOCATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF ANY PHYSICIAN GUILTY OF THE USE OF NARCOTIC DRUGS IN ANY WAY OTHER THAN FOR THERAPEUTIC PURPOSES.

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 2 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by chapter 365 of the acts
3 of 1946, is hereby further amended by striking out the
4 5th and 6th sentences, as appearing in section 37 of
5 chapter 451 of the acts of 1939, and inserting in place
6 thereof the following sentences:—The board, after
7 due notice and hearing, may revoke any certificate
8 issued by it to, and cancel the registration of, any
9 physician convicted of a felony, or any physician who
10 has been shown at any such hearing to have been
11 guilty of the use of narcotic drugs in any way other
12 than for therapeutic purposes, and may, at any time
13 after the expiration of one year thereafter, reissue any
14 certificate so revoked, and register anew any physician

15 whose registration was so cancelled. The board, after
16 due notice and hearing, may suspend, for a period not
17 exceeding one year, any certificate issued by it to, and
18 cancel the registration of, any physician who has been
19 shown at such hearing to have been guilty of gross
20 and confirmed use of alcohol in any of its forms while
21 engaged in the practice of his profession; or of abuse
22 of the authority granted in section two hundred and
23 nine A of chapter ninety-four; or of publishing or
24 causing to be published, or of distributing or causing
25 to be distributed, any literature contrary to section
26 twenty-nine of chapter two hundred and seventy-two;
27 or of acting as principal or assistant in the carrying on
28 of the practice of medicine by an unregistered person
29 or by any person convicted of the illegal practice of
30 medicine or by any physician whose registration has
31 been cancelled, and whose certificate has been revoked
32 or suspended, by the board; or of aiding and abetting
33 in any attempt to secure registration, either for him-
34 self or for another, by fraud; or, in connection with
35 his practice of defrauding or attempting to defraud
36 any person.