

HOUSE No. 221

By Mr. Bowker of Brookline (by request), petition of Leon Feinberg relative to establishing the board of registration of dental laboratories and dental technicians and defining its powers and duties. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF DENTAL LABORATORIES AND DENTAL TECHNICIANS AND DEFINING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

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 112 of the General Laws,
2 as amended, is hereby further amended by adding
3 after section 87JJ the following new sections: —

4 *Section 87KK.* The following words, as used in
5 the following nine sections, unless the context re-
6 quires otherwise, shall have the following mean-
7 ings: —

8 “Board”, the board of registration of dental
9 laboratories and dental technicians.

10 “Dental laboratory”, a workroom or workrooms
11 adequately equipped with lathes, dies, tools and
12 other mechanical equipment and machinery for use
13 in making, repairing and adjusting prosthetic restor-
14 ations on order, and filling the prescriptions of

15 registered dentists and other registered dental
16 laboratories.

17 “Dental technician”, one who has completed a
18 prescribed period of scientific training and/or prac-
19 tical experience in rendering technical services in a
20 dental laboratory, who is skilled and proficient in at
21 least one of the major departments of a dental
22 laboratory, as listed below, and who has passed an
23 examination prescribed by and held under the
24 board in the said major operations of a dental
25 laboratory, to wit: denture department, ceramics
26 department, gold and bridge work department,
27 metal castings department.

28 “Junior dental technician”, one who is an em-
29 ployee of a dental laboratory performing any of the
30 work of a dental technician under the direction or
31 supervision of a registered dental technician, but
32 not qualified for registration as dental technician.

33 “Commercial dental laboratory”, a dental labora-
34 tory which is not a part of the office of a registered
35 dentist or operated under the direction of a registered
36 dentist.

37 “Commercial dental technician”, a dental tech-
38 nician who is not in the employ of a registered dentist
39 and is otherwise qualified within the definition of a
40 dental technician.

41 *Section 87LL.* There shall be a board of regis-
42 tration of dental laboratories and dental technicians
43 consisting of five members, appointed by the board
44 of dental examiners. Three of the members of the
45 board shall be commercial dental technicians, and
46 one member shall be either a dental technician or a
47 commercial dental technician, and one member
48 shall be a member of the board of dental examiners.

49 The appointments shall be for a period of three
50 years, except in the case of the member of the board
51 who is a member of the board of dental examiners,
52 who shall be appointed yearly for a term of one year.
53 Each member shall continue to serve until his suc-
54 cessor has been duly appointed and has qualified,
55 and vacancies on the board caused by death, resig-
56 nation or removal shall be filled for the unexpired
57 term. In addition to actual expenses necessarily
58 incurred in the performance of his duties, each mem-
59 ber shall receive ten dollars for each day or portion
60 thereof spent in the performance of his official
61 duties; provided, that the total sum paid to any
62 member, exclusive of reimbursement for actual ex-
63 penses, shall not exceed seven hundred dollars in
64 any one year. Any member of the board may be
65 removed by the board of dental examiners for cause,
66 after reasonable notice and a hearing.

67 *Section 87MM.* The board shall, from among its
68 members, elect a chairman and a secretary, who
69 shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The board
70 shall make such rules and regulations as it deems
71 necessary for the proper performance of its duties,
72 including rules and regulations establishing qualifi-
73 cations and conditions for registration of dental
74 laboratories, dental technicians and junior dental
75 technicians and fees for the examination and regis-
76 tration of applicants.

77 *Section 87NN.* The provisions of sections sixty-
78 one to sixty-five, inclusive, of chapter one hundred
79 and twelve of the General Laws shall be applicable to
80 all persons and corporations registered by the board.

81 *Section 87OO.* On and after the effective date of
82 this act, no person, firm, partnership or corporation,

83 except licensed dentists, registered dental labora-
84 tories, and registered dental technicians, shall engage
85 in the operation of or conduct the business of a dental
86 laboratory, and no employee rendering technical
87 services, except registered junior dental technicians,
88 shall be employed by a dental laboratory. The
89 board shall by regulation define the term "technical
90 services." However, any dental laboratory which
91 has been operating for at least one year prior to the
92 effective date of this act shall be entitled to registra-
93 tion upon the payment of the established fee without
94 further proof of qualifications; but its continued
95 operation shall be subject to the provisions of this
96 act and the rules and regulations of the board.

97 *Section 87PP.* Technical services shall be ren-
98 dered by a dental laboratory, and prosthetic restora-
99 tions and appliances shall be supplied by it only on
100 the written prescription of a registered dentist, who
101 shall keep a copy of each prescription.

102 *Section 87QQ.* Any person who has been engaged
103 as a dental technician for at least one year prior to
104 the effective date of this act shall be entitled to regis-
105 tration as a dental technician upon the payment of
106 the established fee without further proof of quali-
107 fications, but he shall thereafter be subject to the
108 provisions of this act and the rules and regulations
109 of the board. Registration as a dental technician
110 shall entitle the registrant to fill the prescriptions of
111 dentists for the construction and repair of prosthetic
112 dental restorations, to supervise the filling of such
113 prescriptions in any registered dental laboratory,
114 and to own and operate a duly registered dental
115 laboratory.

116 *Section 87RR.* For reasons specifically set forth
117 in its records, the board may, by a unanimous vote,
118 waive any statutory provisions and/or the rules and
119 regulations of the board in the case of any particular
120 application for registration of a dental laboratory,
121 commercial dental laboratory, dental technician,
122 or junior dental technician.

123 *Section 87SS.* It shall be an act of malpractice
124 within the meaning of section sixty-one of this chap-
125 ter if a dental laboratory or a dental technician —

126 1. Advertises services or technique in or on any
127 newspaper, magazine, radio, periodical or any other
128 means available to the general public except trade
129 and professional journals.

130 2. Advertises prices in any dental publication,
131 newspaper, magazine or periodical, or by radio.

132 3. Advertises prices in any way other than by
133 mail, addressed to a licensed dentist or to another
134 dental laboratory.

135 4. Displays outside signs, except window signs,
136 to attract the attention of the general public.

137 *Section 87TT.* Nothing in the preceding sections
138 shall be construed to authorize any one who is not a
139 registered dentist to practice dentistry or to hold
140 himself out as being able to practice dentistry; and
141 nothing in the preceding sections shall be construed
142 to limit or restrict in any respect the practice of
143 dentistry by any registered dentist.

1 SECTION 2. The effective date of this act shall be
2 the third day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

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