

HOUSE No. 1258

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 16, 1927.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill relative to the practice of chiropractic (Senate, No. 294), report that the same ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 1258).

For the committee,

C. WESLEY HALE.

Mr. WILLIAM P. HICKEY of Boston dissenting.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Seven.

An Act relative to the Practice of Chiropractic

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. Any citizen of the United States resi-
2 dent in the commonwealth for at least three years next
3 prior to the effective date of this act who shall make
4 application to the board of registration in medicine on
5 a blank furnished by it, signed and sworn to by him,
6 and who shall present to said board evidence that he
7 is twenty-one years of age and of good moral character
8 and that he is a graduate in good standing of, and
9 holds a diploma from, a regularly conducted school or
10 college of chiropractic within the United States, which
11 at the time of his graduation required a course of study
12 covering three separate academic years of not less than
13 thirty-two weeks each, including the subjects of anatomy,
14 physiology, pathology, hygiene, chemistry, gynecology,
15 diagnosis and theory and the practice of chiropractic,
16 with an actual attendance as above required, which facts
17 shall be set forth in an affidavit, may, in the discretion
18 of said board, upon payment of a fee of twenty-five
19 dollars and after passing successfully such examination as
20 said board may prescribe, be registered as a chiropractor,
21 and a certificate in testimony thereof shall be given to

22 him signed by the chairman and secretary of said board;
23 provided, that such application shall be made on or be-
24 fore October first in the current year. An applicant who
25 fails to pass an examination satisfactory to said board,
26 and who is therefore refused registration, shall be en-
27 titled, within six months after such refusal, to a re-
28 examination upon the payment of a fee of ten dollars.

1 SECTION 2. Section ten of chapter one hundred and
2 twelve of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
3 serting after the word "practice" the second time it
4 occurs in the second line the words: — and chiropractic
5 and its practice, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 10.*
6 The provisions of this chapter with reference to medicine
7 and its practice shall apply to and include osteopathy
8 and its practice and chiropractic and its practice, when
9 such construction is not inconsistent with the following
10 section.

1 SECTION 3. Section eleven of said chapter one hun-
2 dred and twelve is hereby amended by inserting after
3 the word "nine" in the third line the words: — or at any
4 time registered as a chiropractor, — and by inserting
5 after the word "osteopath" in the sixth line the words: —
6 or a chiropractor, as the case may be, and no person
7 registered as a chiropractor shall treat contagious or
8 infectious diseases, — so as to read as follows: — *Sec-*
9 *tion 11.* No person now registered as an osteopath
10 under section one or two of chapter five hundred and
11 twenty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine or
12 at any time registered as a chiropractor shall prescribe
13 or administer drugs for internal use, perform major
14 operations in surgery, engage in the practice of obstet-
15 rics, or hold himself out, by virtue of such registration,

16 as and for other than an osteopath or a chiropractor, as
17 the case may be, and no person registered as a chiro-
18 practor shall treat contagious or infectious diseases.
19 Violation hereof shall be punished by the penalty pro-
20 vided in section six.