
By Mr. Feloney of Cambridge, petition of Lawrence F. Feloney for legislation to permit aliens to become registered pharmacists in certain cases. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PERMIT ALIENS TO BECOME REGISTERED PHARMACISTS IN CERTAIN CASES.

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 by
2 striking out section 24, as most recently amended by section 23
3 of chapter 585 of the acts of 1952, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following section:—

5 *Section 24.* A person who desires to do business as a phar-
6 macist shall, upon payment of ten dollars to the board of
7 registration in pharmacy, herein and in sections twenty-five
8 to forty-two, inclusive, called the board, be entitled to ex-
9 amination; provided, that he shall have been graduated
10 from a school or college of pharmacy approved by the board.
11 If any such person is found qualified on examination, he shall
12 be registered as a pharmacist, and shall receive a certificate
13 signed by the president and secretary of the board. Any
14 person failing to pass such examination shall upon request be
15 re-examined, after the expiration of three months, at any
16 regular meeting of the board, upon payment of ten dollars.
17 The board may grant certificates of registration as assistants
18 after examination upon the terms above named, and such
19 certificates shall entitle the holder thereof to all the privileges
20 of a registered pharmacist during the temporary absence of
21 the latter, which absence shall be not more than six hours in

22 any one period of twenty-four consecutive hours; provided,
23 that, upon application to the board, such an assistant may
24 be permitted to exercise the privileges of a registered phar-
25 macist for such further period as the board shall determine.
26 No such certificate as assistant shall allow the holder thereof
27 to engage in the drug business on his own account or as a
28 manager to conduct a pharmacy or drug store. The board
29 may grant certificates of registration to such persons as
30 shall furnish with their applications satisfactory proof that
31 they have been registered by examination in some other
32 state; provided, that such other state shall require a degree
33 of competency equal to that required of applicants in this
34 commonwealth. Every such applicant for registration as a
35 registered pharmacist shall pay to the secretary of the board
36 twenty-five dollars at the time of filing his application. No
37 such certificate shall be granted until the person applying
38 therefor shall have signified his intention of acting under
39 the same in this commonwealth. No certificate shall be
40 granted under this section unless the applicant shall have
41 submitted evidence satisfactory to the board that he is a
42 citizen of the United States; provided, however, that in the
43 case of an applicant who is an alien, he shall be examined only
44 after presentation to the board of a certificate from the court in
45 which he has filed his declaration of intention to become a
46 citizen of the United States or from the Immigration and
47 Naturalization Service of the United States, showing that he
48 has declared his intention to become such a citizen, or a copy
49 of such declaration of intention, certified by the clerk of such
50 court. In case such applicant is subsequently registered, his
51 certificate of registration shall be revoked and his registration
52 cancelled, unless he shall present to the board, within five
53 years following the filing of the certificate or certified copy
54 hereinbefore referred to, his completed naturalization papers
55 showing that he is a citizen of the United States.