

HOUSE No. 883

By Mr. Caples of Boston, petition of Richard R. Caples relative to the issuance of limited registrations to practice medicine. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF LIMITED REGISTRATIONS TO PRACTICE MEDICINE.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to make immediately effective the
3 provisions thereof relative to the issuance of limited registra-
4 tions to practice medicine, therefore it is hereby declared to
5 be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preserva-
6 tion of the public health and convenience.

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. Section 9 of chapter 112 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by chapter 526 of the acts of 1955,
3 is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 17, the
4 words "for such time as it may prescribe" and inserting in
5 place thereof the words: — and such registration shall be
6 valid for a period of ten years, — so as to read as follows: —
7 *Section 9.* An applicant for limited registration under
8 this section who shall furnish the board with satisfactory
9 proof that he is twenty-one or over and of good moral char-
10 acter, that he has creditably completed not less than three
11 and one half years of study in a legally chartered medical
12 school having the power to grant degrees in medicine, and
13 that he has been appointed an interne, fellow or medical

14 officer in a hospital or other institution maintained by the
15 commonwealth, or by a county or municipality thereof,
16 or in a hospital or clinic which is incorporated under the
17 laws of the commonwealth or in a clinic which is affiliated
18 with a hospital licensed by the department of public health
19 under authority of section seventy-one of chapter one hun-
20 dred and eleven, or in an out-patient clinic operated by the
21 department of mental health, may, upon the payment of
22 five dollars, be registered by the board as a hospital medical
23 officer and such registration shall be valid for a period of
24 ten years; but such limited registration shall entitle the
25 said applicant to practice medicine only in the hospital or
26 other institution designated on his certificate of limited regis-
27 tration, or outside such hospital or other institution for the
28 treatment, under the supervision of one of its medical officers
29 who is a duly registered physician, of persons accepted by
30 it as patients, and in either case under regulations established
31 by such hospital or other institution. Limited registration
32 under this section may be revoked at any time by the board.

1 SECTION 2. Each limited registration given under section
2 nine of chapter one hundred and twelve of the General Laws
3 prior to the effective date of this act shall be valid for a period
4 of ten years from the date when such registration would other-
5 wise have expired as prescribed by the board of registration
6 in medicine at the time it issued such limited registration.