

HOUSE No. 1782

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, Feb. 20, 1912.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 220 of the Acts of 1910, being "An Act to provide for supervision by the Governor and Council of expenditures and other financial operations of the Commonwealth", I transmit approved pending appropriations for the Boards of Registration in Dentistry, Pharmacy, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine; also the appropriations for Supervisor of Loan Agencies, the Board on Industrial Accidents and the appropriation to be met by special assessment for the Bureau of Statistics, as per the accompanying schedules.

You have now before you a proposed act to create a registered class of dental nurses to assist in the minor work of dentistry. It appears that in this State Dental Surgeons have thus far been denied the right to utilize trained nurses for assistance parallel to that which is rendered to other surgeons by such nurses. The public is thus required to pay expert fees for such minor work which the dental surgeon could delegate to adequately trained nurses, if allowed to do so, as in the field of general surgery.

Should this bill commend itself to you, the added clerical work of dental registration — though met by ample fees — could be simplified by consolidating the existing boards of registration.

I strongly recommend such consolidation of the four present boards of registration in Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine into one body, in order to bring

this type of State supervision under one central administration and policy, and to promote office efficiency through consolidating the various clerical staffs.

The other minor appropriations herewith are approved without comment.

EUGENE N. FOSS.

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN DENTISTRY.

Members' salaries,	\$1,700 00
Traveling and other expenses, including clerical services, postage, printing, etc.,	2,000 00
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	\$3,700 00

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE.

Members' salaries,	\$4,300 00
Traveling and other expenses,	450 00
Clerks, printing, postage and other expenses,	1,700 00
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	\$6,450 00

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY.

Members' salaries,	\$3,100 00
Traveling and other expenses of the board,	1,725 00
Agent, salary and expenses,	2,200 00
Stenographer, incidental and contingent expenses,	2,000 00
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	\$9,025 00

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN VETERINARY MEDICINE.

Members' salaries,	\$600 00
Expenses,	500 00
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	\$1,100 00

SUPERVISOR OF LOAN AGENCIES.

Expenses,	\$10,000 00
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BOARD OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

Expenses,	\$31,500 00
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BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

Summer census, etc.,	\$1,000 00
Auditing municipal accounts,	10,000 00
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	\$11,000 00

