

HOUSE No. 985

By Mr. Spalding of Auburn, petition of Laurence M. Blanke (for the Massachusetts Osteopathic Society, Inc.) for legislation to require representation of doctors of osteopathy in the membership of the Board of Registration in Medicine. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE DOCTORS OF MEDICINE AND DOCTORS OF OSTEOPATHY ON THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE.

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 ten of chapter thirteen of the
2 General Laws, as amended by chapter eight of the
3 acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-two, is hereby
4 further amended by adding to the first sentence the
5 words:— five of whom shall be doctors of medicine
6 and two of whom shall be doctors of osteopathy,—
7 so as to read as follows:— *Section 10.* There shall
8 be a board of registration in medicine, in the two
9 following sections called the board, consisting of seven
10 persons, residents of the commonwealth, registered as
11 qualified physicians under section two of chapter one
12 hundred and twelve, or corresponding provisions of
13 earlier laws, who shall have been for ten years actively
14 engaged in the practice of their profession, five of

15 whom shall be doctors of medicine and two of whom
16 shall be doctors of osteopathy. No member of said
17 board shall belong to the faculty of any medical
18 college or university, and no more than three members
19 thereof shall at one time be members of any one
20 chartered state medical society. One member thereof
21 shall annually in June be appointed by the governor,
22 with the advice and consent of the council, for seven
23 years from July first following.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall become
2 effective as of the time of the appointment for the
3 term beginning July first, nineteen hundred and
4 thirty-nine, as to the first doctor of osteopathy, and,
5 as of the time of the appointment for the term be-
6 ginning July first, nineteen hundred and forty, as to
7 the second doctor of osteopathy.