

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FEES TO BE CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH THE REGISTRATION OF VETERINARIANS. *Chap. 724*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section fifty-five of chapter one hundred and twelve of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section one of chapter two hundred and fifty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the twenty-third and in the thirty-fifth lines, the word "fifteen" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word:—twenty-five,— and by striking out, in the thirty-third line, the words "without additional fee" and inserting in place thereof the words:— upon payment of three dollars,— so that the first paragraph will read as follows:— Applications for registration as veterinarians, signed and sworn to by the applicant, shall be made upon blanks furnished by the board. Each applicant who shall furnish the board with satisfactory proof that he is twenty-one years of age or over, of good moral character, and a citizen of the United States, that he possesses the educational qualifications required for graduation from a public high school, that he has completed one year of collegiate work, including chemistry and biology, in a college or university approved by a body consisting of the secretary of the board, the commissioner of education and the director of the division of livestock disease control of the department of agriculture, in this section referred to as the approving authority, that he has attended courses of instruction for four years of not less than thirty-two school weeks in each year, or courses which in the opinion of the board are equivalent thereto, in one or more legally chartered schools of veterinary medicine, and that he has received the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine or its equivalent from a legally chartered school of veterinary medicine having the power to confer degrees in veterinary medicine and approved by the approving authority, shall, upon payment of twenty-five dollars, be examined, and, if found qualified by the board, shall be registered as a veterinarian and shall receive a certificate thereof, signed by the chairman and secretary. An applicant aggrieved by the refusal of the approving authority to approve a school of veterinary medicine under this section shall be entitled to have the reasonableness of such refusal reviewed by a justice of the superior court, whose decision shall be final. An applicant failing to pass an examination satisfactory to the board may be re-examined at any regular meeting of the board within two years thereafter, upon payment of three dollars, and thereafter may be examined at any such meeting upon payment of twenty-five dollars for each examination. The board, after due notice and hearing, may revoke any certificate issued by it to and cancel the registration of, any veterinarian convicted of a crime in the practice of his profession.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 112, § 55, etc., amended.

Examination and registration.

and may, at any time after the expiration of one year thereafter, reissue any certificate so revoked, and register anew any veterinarian whose registration was so cancelled.

*Approved July 25, 1945.*

**Chap. 725** AN ACT MAKING CHANGES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS IN RESPECT TO THE POWERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL SERVICE, AND IN OTHER RESPECTS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 31, § 2, etc., amended.  
Certain duties of commission.

SECTION 1. Chapter thirty-one of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section two, as amended, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 2.* In addition to other duties imposed by this chapter and chapter thirteen the commission shall —

(a) Make investigations at its own discretion, or when requested in writing by the governor, the council, the general court or either branch thereof, the director, an aggrieved person, or by ten registered voters.

(b) Hear and decide all appeals from any decision or action of, or failure to act by, the director, upon application of a person aggrieved thereby; provided, that no decision or action of the director shall be reversed or modified or action be taken, in case of failure of the director to act, except by three affirmative votes of the commission, and in each case the specific reasons therefor shall be stated in the records of the proceedings of the commission. Except on appeals from markings on examination papers, hearings on all appeals may be held before less than a majority of the commission, or the chairman may assign a member or members to hold such hearings and to report his or their findings of fact and recommendations to the commission for action. An appeal from a decision determining the results of an examination shall be in writing in the form approved by the commission, and shall contain a brief statement of the facts upon which such appeal is based; provided, that no decision of the director relating to an examination mark shall be reversed and no such mark changed unless the commission finds that it was through error, fraud, mistake or in bad faith, and in each case of reversal of such decision or change in marking the specific reasons therefor shall be stated in the records of the proceedings of the commission.

(c) Make an annual report to the general court, recommending legislation for the administration and improvement of the civil service. The annual report of the director to the commission shall be included, and may be supplemented by any additional comment, criticism, or suggestion for the more effectual accomplishment of the purposes of this chapter which the commission may care to submit. The annual report of the commission shall also contain any rules adopted, amended or revoked under authority of any pro-