

HOUSE No. 1427

Mr. Weeks of Everett moves to substitute this bill for the report of the committee on Public Health, no legislation necessary.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine.

AN ACT

To consolidate the Board of Registration in Medicine, the Board of Registration in Pharmacy, the Board of Registration in Dentistry and the Board of Registration in Veterinary 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. A board is hereby created which shall be
2 known as the board of registration in medicine, pharmacy,
3 dentistry and veterinary medicine and shall consist of
4 twelve persons, residents of this commonwealth, three of
5 whom shall be graduates of a legally chartered medical
6 college or university having the power to confer degrees in
7 medicine, and who shall have been for ten years actively
8 employed in the practice of medicine; three of whom shall

9 be skilled pharmacists and shall have had ten consecutive
10 years of practical experience in the compounding and dis-
11 pensing of physicians' prescriptions and shall be actually
12 engaged in the drug business; three of whom shall be
13 skilled dentists of good repute and shall have been regu-
14 larly graduated from a reputable medical or dental col-
15 lege duly authorized to grant degrees in dentistry, or shall
16 have been engaged for ten years in the practice of den-
17 tistry; and three of whom shall be veterinarians and grad-
18 uates of a school of veterinary medicine recognized by the
19 American Veterinary Medical Association, who shall be
20 appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent
21 of the council.

1 SECTION 2. The term of office of the members of said
2 board shall be six years, beginning from the date of their
3 appointment, but of the members first appointed two shall
4 be appointed for the term of six years, two for the term of
5 five years, two for the term of four years, two for the
6 term of three years, two for the term of two years, and
7 two for the term of one year, from said date of appoint-
8 ment. The governor shall designate one of the members
9 of said board chairman, and shall also designate the term
10 for which each member is appointed.

1 SECTION 3. Said board shall hold regular meetings on
2 the second Tuesday of March, July and November in each
3 year, and additional meetings at such times and places as
4 it may determine. At the regular meeting in July it shall
5 choose a secretary, who shall hold office for the term of one
6 year and shall give a bond to the treasurer and receiver
7 general in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, with
8 sufficient sureties, to be approved by the governor and
9 council, for the faithful performance of his official duties.

1 SECTION 4. The secretary of said board shall receive a
2 salary of twenty-five hundred dollars a year, and each
3 of the other members shall receive a salary of two hundred
4 dollars a year. Each member of the board shall receive
5 in addition to his salary his necessary travelling expenses
6 actually incurred in attending the meetings of the board.
7 The said salaries and expenses shall be paid out of the
8 treasury of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 5. The governor shall have power to remove
2 any member of said board, with the advice and consent of
3 the council, and to fill all vacancies therein by appointing
4 for the remainder of any unexpired term in the same
5 manner in which appointments are authorized for a full
6 term.

1 SECTION 6. The board of registration in medicine, the
2 board of registration in pharmacy, the board of registra-
3 tion in dentistry and the board of registration in veteri-
4 nary medicine are hereby abolished. All the powers,
5 rights, duties and liabilities of said board of registration
6 in medicine, of said board of registration in pharmacy, of
7 said board of registration in dentistry and of said board of
8 registration in veterinary medicine, and of each of them,
9 are hereby transferred to the board of registration in medi-
10 cine, pharmacy, dentistry and veterinary medicine created
11 by this act. No existing contracts, liabilities or suits shall
12 be affected hereby, but the board hereby created shall in
13 all respects and for all purposes whatsoever be the lawful
14 successor of the said board of registration in medicine, said
15 board of registration in pharmacy, said board of registra-
16 tion in dentistry and said board of registration in veteri-
17 nary medicine, and of each of them.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

