

HOUSE No. 134

Bill accompanying the petition of John C. Hadlock for legislation to require practitioners of Christian Science, hypnotism and certain kinds of healing to register with the State Board of Health. Public Health. January 11.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten.

AN ACT

To require Practitioners of Christian Science, Hypnotism and Certain Kinds of Healing to register with the State Board of Health.

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. All persons holding themselves out by
2 sign, business card or otherwise, as practitioners in this
3 commonwealth of Christian science, mental healing,
4 hypnotism, and doctors of divinity or ministers of the
5 gospel conducting clinics for psychological or divine
6 healing, and all kinds of healers or preventers of human
7 and animal diseases, except duly registered surgeons
8 and physicians of medicine, shall register their names
9 with the state board of health and state their place of

10 business and the manner in which they heal disease and
11 the nature of the cases that they intend to treat and
12 practise upon in their profession, on or before the first
13 day of April in each year, and shall be subject to the
14 management and control of the said board. All persons
15 who register in accordance with the provisions of this
16 act shall receive a license to practise their profession of
17 healing disease or of preventing the same, and to sign
18 death certificates, upon the payment of a fee of one dol-
19 lar to the state board of health, which shall have the
20 authority to revoke any license granted hereunder in its
21 discretion.

1 SECTION 2. Any person who, not being licensed as
2 aforesaid, practises or holds himself or herself out to
3 practise as aforesaid and accepts a fee of any sort for his
4 or her services shall upon a first conviction be fined
5 twenty-five dollars, and upon a subsequent conviction be
6 punished by fine or imprisonment at the discretion of the
7 court.

1 SECTION 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent here-
2 with are hereby repealed.