

SENATE No. 447

To accompany the petition of Cyril C. Sullivan and another that provision be made for the establishment of a board of registration of sanitarians. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF SANITARIANS.

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. Chapter 13 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 47 the following 8
3 sections under the caption:—

4 BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF SANITARIANS.

5 *Section 48.* There shall be a board of registration of
6 sanitarians consisting of five members to be appointed
7 by the governor with the advice and consent of the
8 council. One member of such board shall be a member
9 of the Massachusetts department of public health, one
10 an educator in the field of sanitary science, and three
11 who shall be duly recognized practicing sanitarians
12 within the commonwealth. The governor shall make
13 the appointments to the original board within thirty
14 days after the effective date of this section. The mem-
15 bers of the original board shall be appointed to terms
16 beginning with said date as follows:— two members for
17 one year, two members for two years and one member
18 for three years. Thereafter each member appointed to
19 the board shall be appointed and serve for a term of

20 three years. The sanitarians appointed to the board
21 shall have at least five years' experience in the field of
22 environmental sanitation. Subsequent to the appoint-
23 ment of the original board, all sanitarians appointed to
24 the board shall be registered as hereinafter provided.

25 *Section 49.* The board shall perform their duties
26 without salary, but each member shall receive an
27 honorarium of ten dollars per day, plus actual and
28 necessary expenses which shall be paid by the common-
29 wealth, for meetings attended for the transaction of
30 regular business; provided, that such compensation
31 and expenses shall not be in excess of the annual re-
32 ceipts paid to the commonwealth by the board. Each
33 of the three sanitarians appointed to the original board
34 shall within ninety days after appointment qualify
35 under the provisions hereinafter set forth.

36 *Section 50.* "Sanitarian" unless the context other-
37 wise requires means a person with a broad basic educa-
38 tion in the physical, biological and social sciences sup-
39 plemented by specialization in the field of sanitary
40 sciences and technology, who is qualified to carry out
41 instructional and inspectional duties and enforce the
42 laws in the field of environmental sanitation.

43 "Board of Registration" and "Board" means the
44 Massachusetts board of registration of sanitarians.

45 *Section 51.* Within thirty days after appointment
46 the board of registration shall hold its first meeting at
47 which time, and annually thereafter, it shall elect one
48 of its members chairman, another as vice-chairman,
49 and a third as secretary. The board is authorized to
50 select such other officers and employees and adopt rules
51 and regulations which may be necessary for the efficient
52 operation of the board.

53 *Section 52.* The board shall examine all applicants
54 for registration in the commonwealth. If the applicants'
55 qualifications and results of written examination, and
56 oral if the board deems necessary, be accepted as satis-
57 factory by the board of registration, the board shall
58 issue to such person a certificate of registration. The

59 board may by rule establish minimum educational and
60 experience qualifications which applicants must possess
61 in order to be admitted to examination. The board
62 may by rule provide for the issuance of temporary
63 certificates of registration pending the giving of an
64 examination to applicants who appear to have the
65 necessary qualifications, and also by rule provide for
66 the issuance of a certificate of registration without ex-
67 amination to sanitarians holding certificates of regis-
68 tration or licenses issued under the laws of other states.
69 All certificates of registration issued by the board shall
70 expire at the end of the calendar year in which they are
71 issued, they shall be subject to renewal on or before
72 January fifteenth of the following year.

73 *Section 53.* A person who desires to be registered as
74 a sanitarian, shall apply to the board upon an applica-
75 tion form prescribed and furnished by the board. He
76 shall include in such application statements under oath,
77 satisfactory to the board, showing that he possesses
78 the necessary qualifications preliminary to examination.
79 He shall pay to the board at the time of filing his ap-
80 plication for registration a fee of fifteen dollars. Every
81 registered sanitarian shall apply annually to the board
82 for a renewal of his registration and pay a fee of five
83 dollars.

84 *Section 54.* Any person who is registered in the
85 commonwealth under the provisions of section fifty-
86 two shall have the right to use after his name the title
87 "Registered Sanitarian" and the letters "R. S." No
88 other person shall assume such title or use such letters
89 or any other words, letters, signs or figures to indicate
90 that he is a registered sanitarian.

91 *Section 55.* Sanitarians who submit satisfactory
92 proof to the board that they are practicing as such in
93 the commonwealth and are deemed qualified by the
94 board, if they apply for registration within one year
95 after the effective date of this section, shall be issued
96 certificates of registration without being required to
97 take the written or oral examination of the board but

98 shall be required to pay the registration fee of fifteen
99 dollars.

1 SECTION 2. If any section, paragraph, or clause of
2 sections forty-eight to fifty-five, inclusive, of chapter
3 thirteen of the General Laws, or the application thereto
4 to any set of facts shall be held invalid or ineffective by
5 the courts for any reason, the remainder thereof shall
6 not be affected by such holding but shall remain in full
7 force and effect.