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CHAPTER 200.

The Drugless Practitioners Act.

Interpretation.

1. In this Act,—

"Board."

(a) "Board" shall mean Board of Regents appointed under this Act;

"Drugless Practitioner."

(b) "Drugless Practitioner" shall mean and include every person who practises or advertises or holds himself out in any way as practising the treatment of any ailment, disease, defect or disability of the human body by manipulation, adjustment, manual or electro-therapy or by any similar method;

"Regulations."

(c) "Regulations" shall mean regulations made under the authority of this Act. 1925, c. 49, s. 2.

Board of Regents established

2.—(1) There shall be established a Board to be known as the Board of Regents to be composed of five persons to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Term of office.

(2) Of the members of the Board first appointed, two shall hold office for a period of two years and three shall hold office for a period of one year, and thereafter every member appointed shall hold office for a period of two years, but any member shall be eligible for reappointment at the expiration of his term of office.

Vacancies.

(3) Every vacancy on the Board caused by the death, resignation or incapacity of a member shall be filled by the appointment of a person to hold office for the remainder of the term of such member.

Chairman, vice-chairman and secretary-treasurer.

(4) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall designate from time to time one of the members to be chairman, one to be vice-chairman and one to be secretary-treasurer of the Board. 1925, c. 49, s. 3.

Regulations.

3. The Board with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make regulations,—

(a) for the admission of drugless practitioners to practise in Ontario and for the registration of all persons so admitted;

- (b) prescribing the qualifications of persons so to be admitted and the proofs to be furnished as to education, good character and experience;
- (c) for maintaining a register of persons so admitted to practise and providing for the annual renewal of registration and prescribing the fees payable thereon;
- (d) prescribing the discipline and control of registered drugless practitioners;
- (e) for classifying persons admitted to practise under this Act and for prescribing the systems of treatment which may be followed by drugless practitioners of different classes;
- (f) for designating the manner in which any person registered under this Act may describe his qualification or occupation and prohibiting the use of any title, affix or prefix which in the opinion of the Board is calculated to mislead the public as to the qualification of any such person and for allowing the use of any affix or prefix not forbidden by section 49 of *The Medical Act* which in the opinion of the Board will correctly describe the qualification or occupation of such person;
- (g) for the investigation of any complaint that a registered drugless practitioner has been guilty of misconduct or displayed such ignorance or incompetence as to render it desirable in the public interest that his registration should be cancelled or suspended;
- (h) for the cancellation or suspension of the registration of any person found by the Board to be guilty of misconduct or to have been ignorant or incompetent;
- (i) generally for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act. 1925, c. 49, s. 4.

Rev. Stat.
c. 196.

4. Nothing in this Act or the regulations shall authorize any person not being so expressly authorized under a general or special Act of this Legislature to prescribe or administer drugs for use internally or externally or to use or direct or prescribe the use of anaesthetics for any purpose whatsoever or to practise surgery or midwifery. 1925, c. 49, s. 5.

Act not to
authorize
general
practice of
medicine.

5. Every person who, not being registered as a drugless practitioner under this Act or who having been so registered and whose registration has been cancelled or is under suspension, practises or holds himself out as practising as a drugless practitioner within the meaning of this Act, or who

Penalty for
unauthor-
ized
practice.

advertises or uses or affixes any prefix to his name signifying that he is qualified to practise as a drugless practitioner within the meaning of this Act shall be guilty of an offence and shall incur a penalty to be recoverable under *The Summary Convictions Act* not exceeding \$100 and upon conviction for a subsequent offence within a period of two years after such first conviction shall be imprisoned for a period not exceeding three months. 1925, c. 49, s. 6.

Rev. Stat.
c. 121.

Saving.

6. Nothing in this Act contained shall apply to or affect,—

Practising
under other
Acts.

(a) the practice of any profession or calling by any person practising the same under the authority of a general or special Act of this Legislature;

Nurses.

(b) any nurse acting in the absence of, or under the prescription or direction of a legally qualified medical practitioner;

First aid.

(c) the furnishing of first aid or temporary assistance in cases of emergency;

Treating by
prayer.

(d) persons treating human ailments by prayer or spiritual means as an enjoyment or exercise of religious freedom. 1925, c. 49, s. 7.

Compliance
with other
statutes not
affected.

Rev. Stat.
cc. 262,
263, 78.

7. Nothing in this Act or the regulations shall be taken or deemed to relieve any person from compliance with the provisions of *The Public Health Act* or *The Vaccination Act* or any amendment to either of them, or from compliance with the provisions of *The Vital Statistics Act* or any amendment thereto or from any legal duty to provide for the treatment of any person by a legally qualified medical practitioner. 1925, c. 49, s. 8.

Penalties,
how
recoverable.

Rev. Stat.
c. 121.

8. Penalties imposed by or under the authority of this Act shall be recoverable under *The Summary Convictions Act*. 1925, c. 49, s. 9, *part*.