

H. F. No. 201.

## CHAPTER 31.

Veterinary doctors.

*An Act to regulate the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry in the state of Minnesota.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Minnesota:

Practitioners of veterinary medicine.

SECTION 1. That every person practicing veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry in any of its departments in this state shall possess the qualifications required by this act.

Qualifications necessary.

SEC. 2. Any person who has practiced the profession of veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry as a livelihood in this state for three years, immediately preceding the passage of this act, may be deemed eligible to registration, and shall receive a certificate upon presentation, to the secretary of the board, his sworn affidavit and letters of recommendation from ten reputable free holders and stock owners in his locality, or upon presentation of a diploma from a legally authorized veterinary college or university, if made within six months after the passage of this act.

Examining board to be appointed.

SEC. 3. The governor of the state shall appoint a board of examiners within thirty days after the passage of this act, said board to be known as the state board of veterinary medical examiners. This board shall consist of five qualified veterinarians, who shall hold office for two years after such appointment, or until their successors are appointed.

Organization of board.

SEC. 4. Said board of veterinary medical examiners shall elect a president, secretary and treasurer. They shall have a common seal, and the president and secretary shall have power to administer oaths. Said board shall hold meetings for examination at the state capitol on the second Wednesdays of April and October of each year, and such other meetings as may be deemed necessary, each session not to exceed three days. Said board shall issue a certificate of qualification to all applicants who pass the required examinations and to all applicants who are eligible to registration under section two of this act, signed by the president and secretary of the board. Such certificate or diploma shall be conclusive as to the rights of the lawful holder of the same to practice veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry in this state.

Record of applicants for license.

SEC. 5. Said board shall keep a record of all proceedings thereof, and also a record or register of all applicants for a license, together with his age, name and time spent in the study and practice of veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry, and, if a graduate, the name and location of the college or university granting such diploma. Said books and records shall be prima facie evidence of all matters therein recorded.

SEC. 6. Persons presenting diplomas or candidates for registration shall pay to the secretary of the board a fee of five dollars in advance, and the fees received by the said board shall defray the expenses of the same.

Fee for registration.

SEC. 7. Any person practicing veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry in this state for compensation without compliance with the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not more than ninety days for each and every such offense. All fines received under this act shall be paid into the common school fund of the county in which such conviction takes place.

Non-compliance with law, penalty.

Provided, that nothing herein contained shall prohibit any person from rendering needful help or assistance in the treatment of any domestic animal, when the attendance of a registered veterinary surgeon cannot be procured without great inconvenience or risk.

SEC. 8. All persons commencing the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry in this state after the passage of this act shall be graduates of a legally authorized veterinary college or university.

Graduate of veterinary college.

SEC. 9. Every person holding a certificate from the board of examiners shall have it recorded in the office of the clerk of court in the county in which he resides within thirty days after the date of said certificate, and the record shall be indorsed thereon. Any person removing to another county to practice shall record the certificate in a like manner in the county to which he removes, and the holder of the certificate shall pay to the clerk of the court a fee of one dollar for making the record.

SEC. 10. Dehorning of cattle and castration of animals shall not be construed as coming within the meaning of this act.

Dehorning and castration.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 18, 1893.

CHAPTER 32.

S. F. No. 214.

*An Act to prevent blindness in children.*

Blindness in children.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. Whenever one or both eyes of an infant become inflamed, reddened or diseased at any time within two months after its birth it shall be the duty of any midwife, nurse or other person, having charge of such infant, to report the fact of such affection of the eye or eyes, in writing, and within twelve hours after the ascertainment of the fact of such inflammation, to the health

Inflamed or diseased eyes in infants to be reported.