

[Act No. 2462, February 05, 1915]

**AN ACT PROVIDING NEW REGULATIONS FOR THE EXAMINATION
OF DENTISTS AND THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY IN THE
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Legislature, that:

SECTION 1. *Board of Dental Examiners; appointment of members; removal and appointment of their successors.*—The Director of Health, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior of the Philippine Islands, shall appoint a Board of Dental Examiners consisting of three reputable dentists, legally practicing their profession in the Philippine Islands at the time of their appointment, who are graduates of any reputable dental college or institution legally constituted and recognized as such by the Insular Government. They shall hold office for three years after their appointment, and until their successors are appointed and qualified: *Provided*, That of the first appointments made, one shall expire on the thirty-first of December, nineteen hundred and fifteen; another on the thirty-first of December, nineteen hundred and sixteen; and the third on the thirty-first of December, nineteen hundred and seventeen, as certified in their respective certificates of appointment. Each person appointed to the Board shall qualify by taking and subscribing to the following oath of office:

"I,, having been appointed a member of the Board of Dental Examiners for the Philippine Islands, do hereby solemnly swear that I have the qualifications required by law; that I will well and truly perform the duties of said office; that I will give an exact and full account of all moneys coming into my hands as such officer; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Government of the United States and to the Government of the Philippine Islands; and that I take this oath without any mental reservation whatsoever. So help me God."

The oath shall be filed and recorded in the office of the Director of Health.

The Director of Health, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, shall fill any vacancy that may occur in the Board within one month after the vacancy occurs, and the person so appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office only for the unexpired term of the member whose place he is appointed to fill. The Director of Health, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, may remove any member of said Board for neglect of duty, or incompetency, or for unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, or for any other just cause.

SEC. 2. *Board of Dental Examiners; organization and duties; compensation; annual election; records.*—The Board of Dental Examiners shall appertain to the Bureau of Health. It shall organize immediately after the appointment of its members by electing from its members a president and a secretary-treasurer thereof; it shall hold an annual election on each second Tuesday of January; and it shall keep a seal with which to attest its official acts. The secretary-treasurer shall receive as annual compensation the amount of three hundred pesos per annum, and the other members of the Board shall receive as compensation the sum of five pesos for each

candidate examined for registration as a dentist. The compensation of the secretary-treasurer shall be paid one-half on the thirtieth of June and the other half on the thirty-first of December of each year.

All receipts of the Board from whatever source shall be covered into the Insular Treasury, and all expenditures of the Board, including compensation of the members thereof, shall be paid out of the funds appropriated for the Bureau of Health, and the sum of one thousand pesos is hereby appropriated for such purpose for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and fifteen out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated. The secretary-treasurer shall execute a bond for five hundred pesos, with good and sufficient sureties, which shall be approved by the Insular Treasurer, conditioned upon the payment of all moneys which he may receive as secretary-treasurer and upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Board, and a register of all persons to whom certificates of registration have been granted, setting forth the name, age, place where established, post-office address, the name of the dental institution from which he graduated or in which he has studied, the date of such graduation or upon which he finished his studies, together with the time spent by him in the study of dentistry, and the names and locations of all other institutions which have granted to him degrees or certificates of attendance, clinics, or lectures in medicine or dentistry.

SEC. 3. Board of Dental Examiners; meetings; examinations.—The Board of Dental Examiners shall meet in the city of Manila for the purpose of examining candidates desiring to practice dentistry in the Philippine Islands on the second Tuesday of June and December of each year, and shall issue a certificate of registration as dentist to each candidate who furnishes satisfactory proof of having received a diploma as either doctor of dental medicine or doctor of dental surgery as required by section six of this Act, of being of good moral conduct, and who in addition passes a satisfactory examination before the Board in all of the subjects of dental surgery and other auxiliary subjects, in accordance with the teaching plan of the principal and best dental institutions having the best reputation for the excellency of their teaching.

SEC. 4. Certificate fees.—The secretary-treasurer of the Board of Dental Examiners shall charge the following fees: For admission to examination, twenty pesos; For each new certificate of registration as dentist, or temporary certificate, thirty pesos; and each renewal of a certificate of registration as provided for in section seven of this Act, two pesos.

SEC. 5. Rules and reports of the Board of Dental Examiners; requirements as to dental colleges or schools.—The Board of Dental Examiners shall, on the thirty-first of December of each year, make a detailed report to the Director of Health of all of its work during the year, and of all moneys received and disbursed by it during that period.

With the approval of the Director of Health and the Secretary of the Interior, the Board may approve such rules and regulations not in conflict with the provisions of this Act as may be necessary to carry said provisions into effect. Private dental schools or colleges or the departments of dental surgery of the universities shall be subject to the rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Board, with the approval of the Director of Health and the Secretary of the Interior, for the purpose of