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*House of Representatives.*

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*Hon. Mr. Parr.*

## DENTISTS AMENDMENT.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Dentists Act, 1908.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Dentists Amendment Act, 1921, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Dentists Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Prohibition of practice of dentistry by unregistered persons.

*Cf. 11 & 12 Geo. 5, c. 21, sec. 1 and sec. 5 (5).*

2. (1.) No person shall after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, unless he is registered as a dentist under the principal Act, practise or hold himself out, whether directly or by implication, as practising or as being prepared to practise dentistry.

(2.) Any person who acts in contravention of the provisions of this section shall, in respect of each offence, be liable to a fine of one hundred pounds.

(3.) Nothing in this section shall operate to prevent—

(a.) The practice of dentistry by a registered medical practitioner;

(b.) The extraction of a tooth by any person where the case is urgent and no registered medical practitioner or dentist is available and the operation is performed without the application of any general or local anæsthetic;

(c.) The performance in any public dental service of dental work by any person in accordance with conditions approved by the Minister;

(d.) The carrying-on, in accordance with conditions approved by the Minister, of the practice of dentistry at any hospital controlled by a Hospital Board under the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1909; or

(e.) The carrying-on of the practice of dentistry at any dental school which is approved for the purposes of this section by the Senate.

"Practice of dentistry" defined. Cf. 11 & 12 Geo. 5, c. 21, sec. 14 (2).

3. For the purposes of the principal Act and this Act the expression "practice of dentistry" shall be deemed to include the performance of any such operation and the giving of any such treatment, advice, or attendance as is usually performed or given by dentists, and any person who performs any operation or gives any treatment, advice, or attendance on or to any person as preparatory to, or for the purpose of, or in connection with the fitting, insertion, or fixing of artificial teeth shall be deemed to have practised dentistry within the meaning of the said Acts. 5

Section 10 of principal Act (prescribing qualifications of applicants for registration) amended.

4. Section ten of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (a), and substituting the following paragraph:— 10

"(a.) Is the holder of a degree or diploma in dental surgery approved by the Senate, and conferred by a University or dental college in the United Kingdom; or"

Section 20 of principal Act amended.

5. Section twenty of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the proviso thereto. 15

Unregistered person not to be permitted to practise in name or on behalf of dentist.

6. (1.) No dentist shall after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, permit any unregistered person to carry on the practice of dentistry in his name or on his behalf, whether on the premises where such dentist is practising or elsewhere. 20

(2.) Every person who commits a breach of this section is liable to a fine of *one hundred pounds*.

(3.) This section is in substitution for section twenty-two of the principal Act, and that section is hereby accordingly repealed.

Consequential repeal.

7. (1.) Any person may apply to be registered as a dentist, and shall on payment of the prescribed fee be entitled to be so registered, who— 25

Special provision for registration of certain persons engaged in dental work.

(a.) Satisfies the Director-General of Health that he has been continuously engaged in dental work for not less than four years immediately preceding the passing of this Act, and that he has for not less than two of those years been engaged in the performance of surgical dental operations; 30

(b.) Passes an examination in general knowledge to be prescribed and conducted by the Minister, unless he satisfies the Minister that he has attained such a standard of general knowledge as to render an examination unnecessary; and 35

(c.) Passes an examination in dentistry, including dental surgery, to be prescribed and conducted by the Senate of the University of New Zealand at the request of the Director-General of Health. 40

(2.) Examinations under this section shall, if required, be held in the month of December in each of the years nineteen hundred and *twenty-two* and nineteen hundred and *twenty-three*, and no application for registration under this section shall be received by the Registrar-General after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and *twenty-four*. 45

(3.) There shall be payable by candidates for examination under this section such fees as may be prescribed in that behalf by the Minister or the Senate, as the case may be. 50

(4.) No person shall be entitled to sit for an examination under this section unless on or before the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and *twenty-two*, he has given notice in writing of his intention to the Director-General of Health, and has satisfied  
5 him that he has been engaged in dental work in the manner and for the period prescribed by paragraph (*a*) of subsection *one* of this section.

(5.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section *two* or in section *six* of this Act, any unregistered person who has taken the steps prescribed by the *last preceding* subsection entitling him  
10 to sit for an examination under this section may, during the period limited under the provisions of subsection *two* of this section for the receipt of applications for registration, but no longer, practise dentistry or be employed by a dentist in the practice of dentistry to the same extent and in the same manner as he could lawfully so  
15 practise or be employed prior to the coming into force of this Act.