

Hon. Mr. Rhodes.

MASSEURS REGISTRATION.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Registration of Masseurs.

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Masseurs Registration Act, 1914, and shall commence on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and *fifteen*.

Short Title.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

Interpretation.

“Register” means the Register of Masseurs:

“Registrar” means the Inspector-General of Hospitals.

3. The Registrar shall keep in his office a book to be called the Register of Masseurs, in which shall be entered the names of all persons registered under this Act, together with such other particulars as may from time to time be prescribed.

Register of Masseurs.

4. (1.) Every person, on payment of the prescribed fee, is entitled to be registered under this Act who satisfies the Registrar that—

Who may be registered.

(a.) He has received satisfactory training as and is competent to perform the duties of a masseur, and that he has been actively engaged in the practice of massage in New Zealand for not less than three years during the five years immediately preceding the commencement of this Act; or

(b.) He has received satisfactory training as a masseur and is the holder of a certificate as a masseur granted after an examination in both theoretical and practical massage and recognized by the Registrar as a sufficient certificate for the purposes of this Act; or

(c.) He has passed an examination under this Act in both theoretical and practical massage after a course of—

(i.) Not less than six months' instruction in anatomy and physiology and theoretical massage at a recognized school for massage; and

(ii.) Not less than six months' training in practical massage at a public hospital or other approved institution (in the case of persons registered under the Nurses Registration Act, 1908), or not less than twelve months' such training in any other case.

(2.) Every application for registration under paragraph (a) of the last preceding subsection shall be made to the Registrar within one year after the commencement of this Act.

Certificates of registration.

5. Every person registered under this Act shall, on payment of the prescribed fee, be entitled to receive a certificate of registration under the hand of the Registrar.

Penalty for wrongfully procuring registration.

6. Every person who procures himself to be registered under this Act by means of any false or fraudulent representation, or by the production of any false certificate or testimonial, is liable to a fine of *five* pounds, and, on conviction, shall have his name erased from the Register.

Erasure from Register of names of persons guilty of offences.

7. (1.) The Registrar shall erase from the Register the name of every registered masseur who is convicted of any indictable offence, and may, if he thinks fit, erase from the Register the name of any other person who in his opinion has been guilty of any grave misconduct.

(2.) Any registered masseur who undertakes the treatment or cure of any person suffering from any accident, illness, or disease except with the authority of a registered medical practitioner may be deemed to be guilty of grave misconduct within the meaning of this section.

Appeals from decisions of Registrar.

8. (1.) Any person who feels aggrieved at any decision of the Registrar in refusing to enter his name in the Register or in removing his name from the Register may, within three months after such refusal or removal has been communicated to him, appeal in the prescribed manner to a Board consisting of a Magistrate and two assessors, one of whom shall be appointed by the Registrar and the other by the appellant.

(2.) The Board shall thereupon hear such appeal, and may make such order in the matter as it thinks just, and every such order shall have effect according to its tenor.

Copy of Register to be gazetted.

9. (1.) The Registrar shall, in the month of April in every year, cause a copy of the Register, corrected to the thirty-first day of March then last past, to be published in the *Gazette*.

Gazette to be evidence of registration.

(2.) The *Gazette* containing any such copy shall be *prima facie* evidence in all judicial proceedings of the contents of the Register as on the thirty-first day of March immediately preceding the date of the *Gazette*:

Provided that in the case of a person whose name does not appear in such copy a certificate under the hand of the Registrar of the entry of his name in the Register shall be evidence that he is registered under this Act.

10. Every person commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding *twenty* pounds who, not being registered under this Act, uses or causes to be used in connection with his business, profession, or calling any written words, titles, initials, or abbreviations of words, titles, or initials, intended or likely to cause any person to believe that he is registered under this Act.

Offences by
unregistered
masseurs.

11. All fees and other moneys paid under this Act shall be paid into the Public Account, and shall form part of the Consolidated Fund, and all expenses incurred in respect of the administration of this Act shall be paid out of moneys to be from time to time appropriated by Parliament for the purpose.

Application of
fees, &c.

12. The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, make regulations—

Regulations.

- 15 (a.) Prescribing forms of application for and certificates of registration under this Act ;
- (b.) Prescribing the fees payable in respect of examination and of registration under this Act, not exceeding *two* pounds in any case ; and also prescribing fees for the issue of certificates of registration, not exceeding *one* pound ;
- 20 (c.) Prescribing courses of instruction and examinations in both practical and theoretical massage for the purposes of this Act, or recognizing for such purposes examinations conducted by any University or other institution or person ;
- 25 (d.) Prescribing the form of the Register to be kept, and the particulars to be entered therein ;
- (e.) Providing for the conduct of appeals under section *eight* hereof ; and
- 30 (f.) Generally providing for such other matters as, in the opinion of the Governor in Council, are necessary or expedient for the effective administration of this Act.