

half of such fine to be paid to the informer and the balance to the State.

CHAPTER 185.

AN ACT for the protection of the public against medical imposters and for the suppression of the crime of unlawful abortion. Passed Mar. 20, 1867.

*Be it enacted,* That whereas it appears that many persons are now practising medicine, surgery and obstetrics in the city of Baltimore and other parts of this State, who have received no proper medical education, and who are in fact mere imposters; *and whereas* there are certain persons notoriously engaged in the unlawful production of abortion; therefore, Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted,* That on or before the first day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, the Governor shall appoint twelve respectable physicians, graduates of some recognized school of medicine, for the city of Baltimore, and six for each county, who shall constitute a temporary Medical Board of Examiners for their respective districts, whose duty it shall be to grant licenses to such non-practising physicians as are able to prove to the satisfaction of the board, that they are bona fide graduates of some respectable medical college; these licenses shall be valid until the permanent board hereinafter provided for, shall be prepared to issue licenses bearing the seal of the faculty of the State, each person obtaining such a license shall pay five dollars into the treasury of the board; the money accruing from this source shall constitute a fund for defraying the expenses incurred by the board in the discharge of their duty, and all money received in excess of the necessary expenditures of this board shall be transferred to the permanent board hereinafter provided for; such money as well as all money re- Governor required to appoint Medical Board of Examiners.