

great danger of the health and lives of the people of Baltimore, and it is expedient that legislation shall be had to remedy said evil; therefore,

Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That hereafter no person or persons shall conduct or open any retail drug and chemical store, as the proprietor or principal, or engage in the business of dispensing medicines, compounding physicians' prescriptions, or vending at retail any drugs, chemicals, and other medicines, without having first obtained a certificate of his or their qualification and competency for such purpose from the commissioners to be appointed under the provisions of this Act.

Vender of drugs.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Maryland College of Pharmacy shall nominate bi-annually, of the most skilled and competent pharmacutists of Baltimore, ten persons, out of whom the Governor shall appoint three commissioners, whose duty it shall be to examine all and every person or persons who shall desire to engage in the business of retailing drugs and chemicals, and of dispensing medicines and compounding physicians' prescriptions in said city, touching his or their competency and qualification, and upon said commissioners, or any two of them, being satisfied of the competency and qualification of such person or persons, as aforesaid, then the said commissioners, or any two of them, shall grant to such person or persons a certificate thereof, which shall entitle such person or persons to carry on the business aforesaid.

Commissioners—Governor to appoint.

Qualification.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners to be appointed under the provisions of this Act shall be styled "The Commissioners of Pharmacy and Practical Chemistry," and shall hold their office for two years and thereafter, until their successors shall be appointed and qualified, and within thirty days after their appointment they and such of them shall take and subscribe before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, an oath faithfully and impartially to discharge the duties prescribed by this Act, and in case of vacancies occurring in said commission from death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor shall fill said vacancies by appointment from among the ten nominated, to him to fill the unexpired term.

Term of office.

Vacancy.