

extent as to incapacitate the performance of professional duties. Any person who is a licentiate under this sub-title, or who is an applicant for examination for licensure to practice osteopathy in this State, against whom any of the foregoing charges are preferred, for causing the revocation or suspension of license or for causing the refusal of the right to be examined for licensure, shall be furnished by the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners with a copy of the complaint and shall have a hearing before said board, in person or by attorney, and witnesses may be examined by said board respecting guilt or innocence of said accused. The suspension of license of any licentiate under this sub-title shall be removed when said narcotic or vicious habit, hereinbefore specified, shall have been adjudged by the proper authorities to be cured or overcome, and said suspended licentiate deemed again capable of practicing his profession.

Any citizen of Maryland having information which causes him to believe that any person has been heretofore wrongfully and improperly registered as osteopath, upon his application to the Clerk of any Court may apply, by petition, to the Circuit Court of the County wherein such registration was made, or to the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, if such registration was in Baltimore City, which petition shall be under oath, and shall state that the petitioner is informed and believes that the person named therein has been heretofore improperly and wrongfully registered as osteopath upon his own application and affidavit upon the register of osteopath or book kept for such purpose in any Court of this State, for the reason (as said petitioner is empowered) that such person was not lawfully practicing osteopathy in the State of Maryland as a duly qualified osteopath in said State entitled to be registered as an osteopath upon his own application to the Clerk of the said Court; and that said petitioner prays that the name of such person shall be struck from the registry of osteopath aforesaid. Upon the filing of such petition the Court or one of the judges thereof shall pass an order requiring the person therein alleged to be wrongfully or improperly registered to answer the same, under oath, on or before a date to be named within thirty days from the date of such order, and to show cause, if any there is, why the prayer of such petition should not be granted, which order shall be served upon said last named person; and if said petition shall not be answered within the time named, as aforesaid, or if the answer thereto shall be adjudged insufficient by the Court, then the Court shall pass an order directing that the name of such person alleged to be wrongfully or improperly registered shall be stricken from the registry of osteopathic physicians where the same shall have been registered; but if said petition shall be answered by the defendant, being the person against whom it is exhibited by an answer under oath, fairly and fully denying the allegations of said petition, the issues thus raised shall be heard and determined by the Court, and either party may be entitled to a jury trial before a jury of the regular panel empanelled to try common law cases in said Court; and the defendant shall be competent and compellable to testify at such hearing and upon such hearing the Court shall render judgment with costs against the unsuccessful party. And if it shall determine that said defendant was not practicing osteopathy in the State of Maryland on or before the date of