

Chapter 150.

AN ACT to insure the better education of practitioners of Dental Surgery, and to regulate the practice of Dentistry in the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be unlawful for any person, who is not at the time of the passage of this act engaged in the practice of dentistry in this state, to practice dentistry, unless he or she shall have obtained a certificate as herein provided, or shall hold a diploma from a university or college, chartered by or under the laws of this state, authorized to grant diplomas in dental surgery.

Who to practice dentistry.

Board created.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted,* That a board of examiners, to consist of five reputable practicing dentists, is hereby created, whose duty it shall be to carry out the purposes and enforce the provisions of this act. The members of said board shall be appointed by the governor, who shall select them from the dentists residing in this state, provided that none of said board shall be pecuniarily connected with any dental college, or dental department of any college or university; the term for which the members of said board shall hold their offices shall be for four years, except that two members of the board, first to be appointed under this act, shall be designated by the governor to hold their offices for the term of two, and three for four years respectively, unless sooner removed by the governor, and until their successors shall be duly appointed; in case of a vacancy occurring in said board, such vacancy shall be filled in like manner by the governor.

Term of office.

SEC. 3. *Be it enacted,* That said board shall choose one of its members president and one secretary thereof; it shall fix the time and place of its meeting or meetings; a majority of said board shall at all times constitute a quorum, and the proceedings thereof shall at all reasonable times be open to public inspection. The board shall also make an annual report of its proceedings to the governor.

Choose president and secretary.

SEC. 4. *Be it enacted,* That within six months from the time this act takes effect, it shall be the duty of every person who is at that time engaged in the prac-