

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1912.

A BILL

To amend the Dentists Act, 1900.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1912." Short title and commencement.

It shall commence and take effect on and after the day of one thousand nine hundred and

2. The following is added to section two of the Dentists Act, Amendment of s. 2. 1900:—"For the purposes of this Act—

"(a) a person practises in dentistry if he, for fee, salary, or other reward, performs any operation on the human teeth or jaws, or artificially restores lost teeth or jaws or portions of jaws, or treats diseases, lesions, or corrects malpositions in human teeth

teeth or jaws; but the above definition shall not apply to the mechanical construction by an artisan of artificial dentures or other devices.

“(b) a person is an operative assistant if he practises in dentistry as an assistant to a dentist.”

3. The following new section is inserted next after section eleven of the said Act :— New section.

11A. (1) Any person who for a period of five years immediately preceding the commencement of the Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1912, has practised in dentistry in New South Wales on his own account, shall, on passing before the board an examination in surgical dentistry, mechanical dentistry, and materia medica (dental), be entitled to be registered as a dentist under this Act. Persons who may be registered as dentists. Practice for five years.

(2) Any person who for a period of not less than five years immediately preceding the said commencement has been continuously employed as operative assistant to a person practising in dentistry in New South Wales may, for three years after such commencement, work in such employment; and if, before the expiration of such three years, he passes before the board an examination in surgical dentistry, mechanical dentistry, and materia medica (dental), he shall be entitled to be registered as a dentist under this Act. Operative assistant for five years.

(3) Any person who for a period of not less than two years immediately preceding the said commencement has practised dentistry in New South Wales on his own account shall be entitled to serve as assistant to a registered dentist for a term which, with the period during which he has practised as aforesaid, would amount to five years. Practice for two years.

If he serves such term, and passes the prescribed examination before the board, he shall be entitled to be registered as a dentist under this Act.

(4) Provided that a person shall not come within the provisions of this section unless within three months after the said commencement, he registers his name with the board, and satisfies the board that he has practised or has been employed, as the case may be, in the required manner and for the required period, and that he is of good character. Proviso.

4. Section thirteen of the same Act is repealed, and the following is inserted in its place :— New section.

13. If any person, not being a legally qualified medical practitioner, or a dentist registered under this Act, takes or uses the name or title of “dentist” or of “dental practitioner” or of “dental surgeon,” or any name, initials, title, addition, or description, which either alone or in conjunction with other words implies Penalty for taking name of dentist.

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implies or tends to the belief that he is entitled to practise in dentistry under this Act, he shall be liable for each offence to a penalty not exceeding *twenty* pounds nor less than *two* pounds.

5. The following new section is inserted next after section thirteen of the said Act :—

13A. If any person other than a legally qualified medical practitioner or a dentist registered under this Act, or a person acting under the authority of this Act as assistant to a dentist, practises in dentistry, he shall be liable for each offence to a penalty not exceeding *twenty* pounds nor less than *two* pounds.

Penalty for practice by unregistered person.

