

R. S., sec. 2553, p. 504, amended.

of the Treasury shall be detailed from the officers now in the service to reside at said subport, and that, subject to the supervision of the collector of customs at Richmond, the deputy collector at said subport is hereby authorized to enter and clear vessels, receive entries, collect duties, fees, and other moneys, and generally to perform the functions prescribed by law for collectors of customs.

Repeal.

SEC. 2. That all acts or parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved, June 4, 1892.

June 6, 1892.

CHAP. 89.—An act for the regulation of the practice of dentistry in the District of Columbia, and for the protection of the people from empiricism in relation thereto.

District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be unlawful for any person to practice dentistry in the District of Columbia unless such person shall register with the health officer in compliance with the requirements hereinafter provided.

Dentists to register.

Board of dental examiners.

SEC. 2. That a board to carry out the purposes of this act is hereby created, to be known as the board of dental examiners, to consist of five reputable dentists resident of and for three years last before appointment actively engaged in the practice of dentistry in the District of Columbia, to be appointed by the Commissioners of said District for terms of five years and until their successors are appointed: *Provided,* That the first five appointments shall be made for terms of one, two, three, four, and five years, respectively. A majority of said board shall constitute a quorum. Vacancies occurring in said board shall be filled by appointment of eligible persons for unexpired terms.

Proviso.

Appointments.

Duties of board.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the board of dental examiners, first, to organize by electing one of their number president and one secretary, to provide necessary books and blank forms, and publicly announce the requirements of this act and the time, place, and means of complying with its provisions within thirty days from its passage; second, to promptly certify to the health officer for registration all who are engaged in the practice of dentistry in said District at the time of passage of this act who apply therefor; third, to test the fitness and pass upon the qualification of persons desiring to commence the practice of dentistry in said District after the passage of this act and certify to the health officer for registration such as prove, under examination in theory and practice of dentistry, qualified in the judgment of the board to practice dentistry in said District; fourth, to report immediately information of any violation of this act, and, annually, the transactions of the board to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia: *Provided,* That all graduates of dental colleges which require a three years' course of study shall be entitled to certificates upon payment of the certification fee and without examination as to their qualifications.

Proviso.

Graduates of dental colleges.

Registry of practitioners.

SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of every person practicing dentistry in said District at the time of the passage of this act to make application to said board, in form prescribed by said board, for certification, and present the certificates thus obtained for registration to the health officer within sixty days from the passage of this act. Every such person so registering may continue to practice without incurring the penalties of this act.

Certificates from board.

SEC. 5. That persons desiring to commence the practice of dentistry in said District after the passage of this act shall first obtain a certificate of qualification from the board of dental examiners, granted under authority conferred upon said board by section three of this act, and present the same to the health officer for registration.

Health officer to keep register.

SEC. 6. That it shall be the duty of the health officer to register all persons presenting certificates from said board in a book kept for this

purpose, and indorse upon each certificate the fact and date of such registration.

SEC. 7. That certificates issued and indorsed under the provisions of this act shall be evidence of the right of the person to whom granted to practice under this act.

Effect of certificates.

SEC. 8. That any one who shall practice or attempt to practice dentistry in the said District without having complied with the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars, and in default of payment of such fine shall be imprisoned not less than thirty nor more than ninety days, said fines, when collected, to be paid into the Treasury of the United States, to the credit of the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to interfere with physicians in the discharge of their professional duties, nor with students pursuing a regular uninterrupted dental college course or in bona fide pupilage with a registered dentist.

Penalty for practicing without registry.

Proviso.
Physicians.

SEC. 9. That to provide a fund to carry out and enforce the provisions of this act the board of dental examiners may charge such fees, not exceeding one dollar for each certificate and ten dollars for each examination, as will from time to time, in the opinion of said board, approved by said Commissioners, be necessary. From such fund all expenses shall be paid by the board: *Provided*, That such expense shall in no case exceed the balance of receipts.

Fees.

Proviso.
Expenses not to exceed receipts.

Approved, June 6, 1892.

CHAP. 90.—An act to establish a railway bridge across the Illinois River, between a point at or near the city of Havana, in Mason County, and a point on the opposite side of said river, in Fulton County, in the State of Illinois.

June 6, 1892.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chicago, Peoria and Saint Louis Railway Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, its successors and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to erect, establish, and maintain a railway bridge across the Illinois River, between a point to be by them selected at or near the city of Havana, in Mason County, and a point to be selected by them on the opposite side of said river, in Fulton County, in the State of Illinois; and that said bridge shall not interfere with the free navigation of said river, and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of said river, the same shall be instituted and determined in the district court of the United States for the southern district of the State of Illinois.

Chicago, Peoria and Saint Louis Railway Company may bridge Illinois River at Havana, Ill.

Free navigation.
Litigation.

SEC. 2. That any bridge built under the provisions of this act may, at the option of the company building the same, be built as a drawbridge, with a pivot or other form of draw, or with unbroken or continuous spans: *Provided*, That if the said bridge shall be built with unbroken or continuous spans it shall have one or more channel spans, each having not less than three hundred and fifty feet clear channel way, measured normal to the current of said river, and not less than fifty-five feet clear headroom above high-water mark, and the clear headroom under the other channel spans may be less than fifty-five feet: *Provided*, That no part of the superstructure of such spans shall give a less headroom than ten feet above high-water mark: *And provided further*, That the interests of navigation be not injured by such reduction in height; and the piers of said bridge shall be parallel with the current of said river, and the main span shall be over the main channel of the river, and not less than three hundred and fifty feet in length: *And provided also*, That if any bridge built under this act shall be constructed as a drawbridge, the same shall be constructed as a pivot drawbridge, with a draw over the main channel of the river at an accessible and navigable point and with spans of not less than one

Construction.

Provisos.
Spans.

Height.

Piers.

Draw.