



Western Australia.

ANNO SEXAGESIMO TERTIO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. XXIII.

AN ACT to amend the Dentists Act, 1894.

[Assented to, 16th December, 1899.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. THIS Act may be cited as the Dentists Act Amendment Act, 1899, and shall be construed as one with the Dentists Act, 1894, hereinafter called the principal Act.

Short title and incorporation with 53 Vict., 19.

2. PARAGRAPH (*d.*) of section ten of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following is substituted:—

Amendment of section 10 of principal Act.

(*d.*) That he has for not less than four years practised dentistry or dental surgery in some part of Her Majesty's dominions or in the United States of America, and holds such certificate, diploma, or degree, and has passed such examination as may be prescribed by the rules.

3. SECTION eleven of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Repeal of s. 11 of principal Act.

4. (1.) A WRITTEN certificate, purporting to be signed by the Registrar, and stating that, at a date named therein, a person

Registrar's certificate of registration, etc., evidence.

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was or was not registered, shall be received as *prima facie* evidence of the truth of such statement.

Fee for certificate.

(2.) Every registered dentist shall, on payment of a fee of Five shillings, be entitled to a certificate that he is registered.

Burden of proof of registration to lie on accused person.

(3.) When any person is charged, under section fifteen of the principal Act, with any act which is unlawful, except for a registered dentist or a medical practitioner, the burden of proving that the accused person is such dentist or practitioner shall rest on the accused person.

Matters not requiring proof on prosecution.

(4.) In a prosecution under section fifteen of the principal Act, it shall not be necessary to prove—

(a.) That the accused person received any remuneration or reward in connection with the act, matter, or thing complained of ; or

(b.) The election and constitution of the Board, the election of any person purporting to act or sign as chairman, or the appointment of any person purporting to act as President or Registrar.

Penalty on second conviction.

(5.) Upon the conviction of any person for a second offence under section fifteen of the principal Act, he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Fifty pounds.

Seal to be judicially noticed.

5. THE seal of the Board shall be judicially noticed by all Courts and persons by law authorised to receive evidence upon oath.

Dentist may withdraw name from Register.

6. EVERY registered dentist may withdraw his name from the Register by writing under his hand addressed to the President, Chairman, or Registrar of the Board, and shall thereupon cease to be a registered dentist.

Dentists to pay annual license fee, and in default to be struck off.

7. DURING the month of January next following the passing of this Act, and thenceforth in the month of January in every year, every registered dentist shall pay to the Board an annual license fee of Two guineas, and, on failing to make such payment, shall cease to be a registered dentist; but the Board may at any time restore to the Register the name of any dentist failing to make such payment on receiving all arrears and on payment of such fines as may be prescribed by the Rules.

Penalties to go to Board.

8. ALL penalties recovered under the principal Act or this Act or the Rules shall be paid to the Board.

In the name and on behalf of the Queen I hereby assent to this Act.

GERARD SMITH, Governor.