EFFECTIVE DATE OF ACT

Section 87.—It is hereby declared that an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this Act, and, therefore, the same shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved August 6, 1925.

[No. 75]

AN ACT

TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF DENTAL SURGERY IN PUERTO RICO; TO ESTATE A BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Porto Rico:

Section 1.—The Governor of Porto Rico shall appoint, with the consent of the Senate, a Board of Dental Examiners, composed of three dentists of good repute and residing in Porto Rico. Said board shall appoint from among its members a president, a secretary and a treasurer. Every two years the president shall cease in office and the vacancy shall be filled by the secretary; the vacancy of the secretary shall be filled by the treasurer and that of the treasurer by a new member whom the Governor shall appoint in accordance with the provisions of this Act; Provided, That the present members of the Board of Dental Examiners shall continue in office until the term for which they were appointed shall have expired.

Section 2.—The board shall hold regular examinations at the capital of the island, twice a year, beginning on the first working Tuesday of February and the first working Tuesday of July of each year; Provided, That special examinations shall be held when six or more candidates so petition.

Section 3.—The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meeting of the Board in a suitable book, and the minutes shall be signed by the members attending the meeting. He shall keep a book of copies of the licenses granted, and the copies, as well as the licenses, shall be signed by all the members of the Board. He shall keep a record of all the dentists who may be practising their profession in Porto Rico; he shall give all the certificates asked for, which shall be countersigned by the president; he shall have charge of the files of the Board and shall give such reports as may be asked for.

Section 4.—The Board shall have power to make its own regulations and to make reciprocity agreements with the Boards of Ex-
Section 5.—Each member of the Board shall receive as remuneration a per diem of four (4) dollars for each day or fraction of a day of service.

Section 6.—The members of the Board of Dental Examiners shall be authorized to administer oaths in matters concerning the discharge of their duties.

Section 7.—Any license issued to practice dental surgery in this island may be suspended or cancelled by the Board through the presentation of satisfactory evidence that the holder of said license has been guilty of any of the following violations:

(a) That he has obtained said license by deceit, fraud or false representation or imposture; or

(b) That he has been convicted of a crime implying moral turpitude; or

(c) That he is addicted to the habitual use of drugs or intoxicating drinks to the point of being unfitted for the practice of dental surgery; or

(d) That he has been convicted of manifest negligence in the practice of dental surgery; or

(e) That he has been guilty of employing unauthorized persons to do work which, in accordance with this Act, can be legally done only by persons authorized to practice dental surgery in Porto Rico; or

(f) That he has advertised or voluntarily published statements which are false, fraudulent and misleading in regard to his skill, ability or knowledge, or in regard to his methods and systems of treatment and professional practice; or

(g) That he has practiced dental surgery under cover of signs which contain only the words “Dentist”, “Dental Surgeon”, or “Ordontologist”, omitting the name and title of the person authorized to practice dental surgery. Any person whose license may be suspended shall not practice dental surgery during the period of such suspension, and shall be subject to the penalties prescribed herein for all persons practising dental surgery without being duly authorized.

Any person whose license shall have been suspended or revoked may, on application and without new examination; again obtain his license if deemed advisable by the board. These decisions may be

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donors de los Estados y Territorios de los Estados Unidos y países extranjeros.

Sección 5.—Cada miembro de la Junta, por día o fracción de día que preste sus servicios, recibirá por remuneración cuatro (4) dólares.

Sección 6.—Los miembros de la Junta Dental Examinadora estarán autorizados para tomar juramento en asuntos referentes al desempeño de sus cargos.

Sección 7.—Cualquier licencia expedida para ejercer la cirugía dental en esta Isla podrá ser suspendida o cancelada por la junta, mediante prueba satisfactoria presentada de que el tenedor de dicha licencia ha incurrido en cualquiera de las infracciones siguientes:

(a) Que ha obtenido dicha licencia por engaño, fraude, o falsa representación o impostura; o,

(b) Ha sido convicto de un delito grave que implique depravación moral; o,

(c) Se dedica al uso habitual de drogas o bebidas intoxicantes hasta el extremo de inutilizarle para el ejercicio de la cirugía dental; o,

(d) Ha sido convicto de manifiesta negligencia en el ejercicio de la cirugía dental; o,

(e) Ha sido convicto de emplear personas no autorizadas para llevar a cabo trabajos que, de acuerdo con esta Ley, solamente pueden ser legalmente ejecutados por personas autorizadas para ejercer la cirugía dental en Puerto Rico; o,

(f) Ha hecho anunciar o publicar voluntariamente manifestaciones falsas, fraudulentas y conducentes a engaño, en lo que respecta a su arte, habilidad o conocimientos, o a sus métodos y sistemas de tratamiento y de práctica profesional; o,

(g) Ejerciere la cirugía dental amparado bajo los letreros que sólo contengan las palabras “Dentista”, “Cirujano Dentista”, “Ordontólogo”, omitiendo el nombre y el título de la persona autorizada para dedicarse al ejercicio de la cirugía dental. Toda persona cuya licencia fuere suspendida no podrá ejercer la cirugía dental durante el período que dure dicha suspensión, y estará sujeta a las penalidades prescritas en esta Ley para toda persona que se dedique al ejercicio de la cirugía dental sin estar debidamente autorizada.

Toda persona cuya licencia haya sido suspendida o revocada podrá, mediante solicitud y sin sufrir nuevo examen, obtener nuevamente su licencia, si la junta lo creyere conveniente. Estas resoluciones podrán revisarse mediante procedimiento de certiorari,
revised by certiorari proceedings brought within fifteen days subsequent to the notification of the decision.

Section 8.—The Governor shall have power to remove any member of the Board for incompetency, manifest immorality or abuse of power, and may fill by appointment any vacancy caused by the removal, death or resignation of a member. The person appointed to fill said vacancy shall occupy the office for the remainder of the term of the member whose place he occupies.

Section 9.—Every person desiring to practice dental surgery in Porto Rico and who is not yet authorized to do so, shall fulfill before the Board of Dental Examiners, the following requisites:
1. Fill out an application for examination;
2. Produce a document identifying him;
3. Produce a document certifying that he has passed the four years' course in a high school of Porto Rico, or of an accredited analogous institution of the United States or of a foreign country, to the satisfaction of the Board;
4. Produce a diploma or certificate from the university or accredited college from which he was graduated as dental surgeon;
5. Pass a theoretical and practical examination in accordance with the regulations of the Board;
6. Pay twenty-five (25) dollars for examination fee; Provided, That if the applicant does not pass, he may present himself once more for a new examination without further fee.

Section 10.—Every person obtaining a license from the Board shall, within thirty days of the date thereof, cause it to be registered in the office of the Secretary of Porto Rico and in the office of the Commissioner of Health. The Secretary of Porto Rico and the Commissioner of Health shall enter on the back of the license the date of its registry, collecting from the applicant the corresponding fees for such service.

Section 11.—This Act shall not be interpreted as prohibiting a person without a license from doing mechanical work on inert material in his office or in a dental laboratory; or as prohibiting licensed physicians or surgeons from treating diseases of the mouth or from performing operations in oral surgery; none of the provisions of this Act shall be interpreted as permitting dental operations by an unlicensed person, under the name of an authorized dentist.

Section 12.—Under the terms of this Act, any person shall be considered as practising dental surgery who advertises by means of
Section 13.—Any person who, not being legally authorized to practise dental surgery, shall practise it or who shall violate the provisions of this Act, shall be guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty (50) dollars nor more than two hundred and fifty (250) dollars, or by imprisonment in jail for a maximum term of two years, or by both penalties, in the discretion of the Court; and all instruments, implements, medicines and drugs in the possession of any one violating this section, shall be confiscated by competent authority and placed at the disposition of the court; and upon his conviction, the instruments, implements, drugs and medicines so confiscated shall be sold by the marshal at public auction, by order of the competent court, to any person or professional firm authorized to practise dental surgery in Puerto Rico, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, or to any commercial house, firm or corporation regularly doing business in such instruments, implements, drugs and medicines.

Section 14.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

lettreros, tarjetas, circulares, folletos o periódicos, o que en otra forma cualquiera anuncie que dicha persona de por sí o por medio de sus agentes o empleados, practicará operaciones en, o hará exámenes de, los dientes o huesos maxilares humanos, con la intención de hacer o hacer que se haga operación alguna en ellos; o que sea dueño, propietario, o director de un sitio donde se practiquen operaciones dentales; o que use las palabras o letras “Doctor en Cirugía Dental”, “D.D.S.” o “Doctor en Medicina Dental” “D.M.D.”, en conexión con su nombre, o cualquier otro título cuyo propósito sea designarle o hacerle reconocer como dentista autorizado; o que en conexión con dicho título o títulos, o sin el uso de título alguno, ejecute tratamientos o profesare que los ejecuta, ya de por sí, sus agentes o sirvientes, o como agente o sirviente de otra persona, de cualquiera de las enfermedades de los dientes o huesos maxilares humanos, o extrajere piezas dentales o preparase o llenase cavidades en piezas dentales, o corri吉e las irregularidades de la dentadura, o suministre o coloque dentaduras artificiales, coronas o puentes como sustitutos de dientes naturales, o tomare cualquier impresión de las encías humanas en conexión con la manufactura de dentaduras artificiales, o realizare cualquiera otra operación o hiciere cualquier otro examen con el propósito de ejecutar o permitir que se ejecute cualquier operación de los dientes o huesos maxilares o humanos.

Sección 13.—Toda persona que no estando legalmente autorizada para dedicarse al ejercicio de la cirugía dental, la ejerciere, o que viole las disposiciones de esta Ley, incurirá en un delito menos grave (misdemeanor), y convicta que fuere será castigada con multa mínima de cincuenta (50) dólares y máxima de doscientos cincuenta (250) dólares o cárcel por un término máximo de dos años, o ambas penas, a discreción del tribunal; y todos los instrumentos, implementos, medicinas y drogas en posesión de cualquier transgresor de esta sección serán confiscados por la autoridad competente y puestos a disposición del tribunal; y convicto que fuere dicho transgresor, los instrumentos, implementos, drogas y medicinas así confiscados serán vendidos por el marshal en pública subasta, mediante orden de la corte competente, a cualquier persona o firma profesional autorizada para ejercer la cirugía dental en Puerto Rico, conforme a las disposiciones de esta Ley, o a cualquier casa de comercio, firma, o corporación que regularmente se dedique a comerciar en tales instrumentos, implementos, drogas y medicinas.

Sección 14.—Toda ley o parte de ley que se oponga a la presente, queda por ésta derogada.
Section 15.—This Act shall take effect ninety days after its approval.

Approved, August 8, 1925.

[No. 76]

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCRETE SUBMERSIBLE BRIDGE OVER THE LA PLATA RIVER, COMERIO, AT THE PLACE KNOWN AS LA VEGA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Porto Rico:

Section 1.—The construction of a concrete submersible bridge over the La Plata River, to join the town of Comerío with the place known as La Vega, is hereby directed, said bridge to be built accoording to the plans and specifications prepared by the Department of the Interior.

Section 2.—The Commissioner of the Interior is hereby entrusted with carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Section 3.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4.—This Act shall take effect ninety days after its approval.

Approved, August 11, 1925.

[No. 77]

AN ACT

PROVIDING PUNISHMENT FOR THE ADULTERATION OF MILK AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Porto Rico:

Section 1.—Every person who adulterates or dilutes milk and every person who sells, offers or keeps for sale, or who transports or stores milk to be used for human consumption, and every person using milk adulterated or diluted for industrial purposes, when such milk is to be used in the preparation of food for human consumption, shall be guilty of misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of not less than