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Public Health and Pharmacy. *Pass 3/19*

### House File 378

By EDGINGTON, WALTER, DUFFY, NIELSEN of Emmet, WRIGHT, EVELAND, SMITH of O'Brien, DEN HERDER, VERMEER, DIETZ (Shoeman, Elthon, Turner, Long, Hansen, Walker, Walter and Lucken).

Passed House, Date *4-22-63*

Passed Senate, Date *4-23-63*

Vote: Ayes *103* Nays *0*

Vote: Ayes *46* Nays *0*

Approved *4-29-63*

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*Passed House as amended by Senate 4-24-63 93-0*

## A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the creation of a single examining and licensing board for physicians and surgeons, osteopaths, and osteopathic physicians and surgeons and matters relating thereto.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**This is a Companion Bill; for complete text see Senate File 194.**

#### EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 378

This bill combines the board of medical examiners and the board of osteopathic examiners into a single "composite board" as has been done successfully in approximately 16 states. The resulting board of medical examiners would consist of five doctors of medicine and one osteopathic physician and surgeon, which is in accordance with the numerical ratio between the two professions in Iowa.

All applicants for a license to practice medicine and surgery and osteopathic medicine and surgery will be required to write identical examinations. The bill would require the osteopathic applicant to have an approved one-year internship as is now required under the medical practice act.

The successful applicants would receive identical practice privileges. The medical applicant would receive a license to practice medicine and surgery and the osteopathic applicant would receive a license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery.

All colleges of osteopathy will stand provisionally approved for a five-year period, and the same is true of approved internship training programs of the American Osteopathic Association.

The bill creates a medical examiners fund into which would be paid examination, reciprocal and renewal fees, which are increased by the bill. The expense of the enforcement provisions of this act—salaries and administrative expense—would be paid from the medical examiners fund. Any balance remaining in the fund, in excess of \$25,000, shall revert to the general fund of the State of Iowa. No appropriation from the general fund would be necessary.

The practice rights and privileges of the osteopathic physician who is now licensed under chapter 150 will not be diminished, or extended. The right of the osteopathic physician to obtain osteopathic physician and surgeon's license has not been removed.

This bill also facilitates the licensure of doctors of medicine and osteopathic physicians and surgeons who are licensed in other states, territories or foreign countries. It also authorizes the medical examiners, in appropriate cases, to issue a temporary renewable license to practice medicine and surgery, or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

The bill has the official support of the two professions involved. It is an important step in improving relationships between these two professions and will result in higher standards of professional training and improved patient care for the people of Iowa.

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- 1 Amend House File 378 as follows:  
2 1. Strike from line 5 of section 4 the word "six" and  
3 insert in lieu thereof the word "eight".  
4 2. Strike from line 9 of section 5 the word "six" and  
5 insert in lieu thereof the word "eight".  
6 3. Strike from line 9 of section 5 the word "five" and  
7 insert in lieu thereof the word "six".  
8 4. Strike from line 10 of section 5 the word "one" and  
9 insert in lieu thereof the word "two".  
10 5. Strike from line 4 of section 6 the word "five" and  
11 insert in lieu thereof the word "six".  
12 6. Strike from line 6 of section 6 the word "the" and  
13 insert in lieu thereof the word "each".  
14 7. Strike from line 9 of section 7 the word "member" and  
15 insert in lieu thereof the word "members".  
16 8. Strike from line 15 of section 7 the word "the" at the  
17 end of the line and insert in lieu thereof the word "an".  
18 9. Add at the end of section 7 the following:  
19 "The additional medical member of the board provided by  
20 this Act shall serve for six years from July 1, 1963. After  
21 the expiration of the terms of the present medical members, terms  
22 of their successors shall be for six years. The terms of the  
23 first osteopathic physician and surgeon members of the board  
24 appointed under this Act shall be, one for two years and one  
25 for three years beginning July 1, 1963. Their successors shall  
26 be appointed for terms of three years."  
27 10. Strike from line 5 of section 8 the words "every  
28 third year" and insert in lieu thereof the words "in any year  
29 prior to expiration of the term of any such member".  
30 11. Strike from lines 6 and 7 of section 16 the words "the  
31 osteopathic physician and surgeon" and insert in lieu thereof  
32 the word "a".  
33 12. Strike section 27 and insert in lieu thereof the following:  
34 Sec. 27. Section one hundred fifty point eight (150.8),  
35 Code 1962, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu  
36 thereof:  
37 "A license to practice osteopathy shall not authorize the  
38 licensee to engage in major operative surgery, but shall authorize  
39 the licensee to prescribe or give drugs and medicine whether or  
40 not prescribed or given preliminary to, preparatory to or in con-  
41 nection with manual treatment."

Filed and adopted  
April 22, 1963.

DIETZ of Scott.  
DENMAN of Polk.  
EDGINGTON of Franklin.

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- 1 Amend House File 378 as follows:  
2 1. Amend section 13, line 4, by inserting after the word  
3 "dentistry" the words "or pharmacy".  
4 2. Amend section 13, line 5, by inserting after the word  
5 "examiners" the words "or board of pharmacy examiners".

Filed and adopted  
April 23, 1963.

By GRIFFIN.