

## No. XVII.

MEDICAL BOARD. **An Act to provide for the Registration of Legally Qualified Medical Practitioners. [12th October, 1855.]**

Preamble.  
2 Vic. No. 22 and  
9 Vic. No. 12.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to the qualification of Medical Witnesses on Coroners' Inquests and other Inquiries Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

Foreign Medical Practitioners properly qualified shall be deemed legally qualified Medical Practitioners.

1. Any person who shall prove to the satisfaction of the New South Wales Medical Board or a quorum thereof that he has passed through a regular course of medical study of not less than three years' duration in a School of Medicine and that he has received after due examination from the University of Sydney or from some University College or other body duly recognized for that purpose in the country to which such University College or other body may belong a diploma degree or license entitling him to practice medicine in that country shall be deemed to be a legally qualified Medical Practitioner within the meaning of the Acts passed in the second and ninth years of the reign of Her present Majesty and numbered respectively twenty-two and twelve and shall be entitled to a certificate as such from the said Board.

What shall be deemed a quorum of the Medical Board.

2. A quorum of the Board under the recited Act shall for the future consist of not less than three members thereof and in case of the absence of the President of the said Board it shall be competent for any other member to preside for the time being.

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3. It shall be lawful for the said Board (or a quorum thereof) to examine any person who may present himself for examination or any witness who may be produced before them and to take a solemn declaration from such person or witness and if any person shall wilfully knowingly and corruptly make any false statement upon such examination or in such declaration or shall utter or attempt to utter or put off as true before the said Board (or a quorum thereof) any false forged or counterfeit diploma degree license certificate or other document or writing such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and being thereof duly convicted shall be liable to imprisonment with or without hard labor for any period not exceeding three years.

Persons forging or obtaining a certificate under false representations liable to imprisonment with or without hard labor.

4. If any person fraudulently or by false representations obtain any certificate as a duly qualified Medical Practitioner under the provisions of this Act or the said recited Acts or shall forge alter or counterfeit any such certificate or shall utter or use any such forged certificate knowing the same respectively to have been forged or shall falsely advertise or publish himself as having obtained such certificate every person guilty of any or either of the said offences shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and being thereof duly convicted shall be liable to imprisonment with or without hard labor for any period not exceeding three years.

Persons forging or obtaining a certificate under false representations guilty of a misdemeanor.

5. This Act shall so far as is consistent with the contents and subject matter thereof be taken as part of and construed with the said recited Acts.

This Act to be construed with Acts 2 Vic. No. 22 and 9 Vic. No. 12.

6. This Act may be cited as "The Medical Practitioner's Act of 1855."

Title of Act.