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# *The Drugless Practitioners Act*

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Chapter 144 of *The Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1920*  
(assented to November 10, 1920).

FOR HISTORICAL REFERENCE ONLY

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## CHAPTER 144

### An Act respecting Drugless Practitioners

#### Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Drugless Practitioners Act*.

1917 (sess. 2), c.67, s.1; R.S.S. 1920, c.144, s.1.

#### Register

2 The Commissioner of Public Health shall keep a register in which he shall enter the name of every person entitled to be registered according to the provisions of this Act, and such register shall state what form of drugless healing each licentiate is entitled to practise; and those persons only whose names are inscribed in the register and who are not under suspension. shall be deemed to be qualified and licensed to practise drugless healing.

1917 (sess. 2), c.67, s.2; R.S.S. 1920, c.144, s.2.

#### Who shall be registered

3 The Commissioner of Public Health shall admit upon the register of drugless practitioners, and issue a license be registered (form A) to:

(a) every person registered under *The Osteopathy Act* on the fifteenth day of December, 1917, whose fees were at that time fully paid; such persons shall not be restricted in the practise of their profession to a greater degree than they were restricted by *The Osteopathy Act*;

(b) any person who has been certified by the Registrar of the University of Saskatchewan as having satisfactorily passed the hereinafter mentioned examination for drugless practitioners, and who produces satisfactory evidence of his identity as being the person so certified, as well as evidence that he is twenty-one years of age, and is of good character:

Provided that such person shall be restricted to the practice of the method of treatment specified in his license.

1917 (sess. 2), c.67, s.3; R.S.S. 1920, c.144, s.3.

#### Examinations

4(1) The University of Saskatchewan shall hold two regular examinations, and such supplemental examinations as are deemed advisable, each year, in accordance with regulations prescribed for the purpose by the senate. The examinations shall be conducted by examiners appointed by the university. The university shall consult with such drugless practitioners as is deemed advisable concerning suitable persons to examine in the subjects required of candidates licensees drugless practitioners.

(2) The fee for a regular examination shall be \$50, and the fee for a supplemental examination shall be \$20, these fees to be paid in advance to the registrar of the university.

1917 (sess. 2), c.67, s.4; R.S.S. 1920, c.144, s.4.

**Conditions of examination**

5(1) Every applicant, in order to be admitted to the regular examination, shall file with the registrar of the University of Saskatchewan satisfactory evidence of identity, good moral character and preliminary education, and a diploma or diplomas of graduation from a school, college, or university recognised by the University of Saskatchewan, the requirements of which were at the time of granting such diploma or diplomas not less than those prescribed by this Act.

(2) Every applicant for a license shall, in addition to the proof required, by subsection (1) furnish satisfactory evidence that he has attended a course of study extending over four years and embracing at least five months in each year, or over three years and embracing at least eight months in each year or over two years of continuous study.

1917 (sess. 2), c.67, s.3; R.S.S. 1920, c.144, s.5.

**Application for examination**

6(1) Application for admission to an examination shall be made on a blank form to be supplied on application by the registrar of the university, and shall be filed with the registrar at least two weeks before the time fixed for the examination.

(2) Each application shall be accompanied by the proper examination fee and shall contain such information concerning the preliminary education and the course of study as the senate of the university by resolution prescribes.

1917 (sess. 2), c.67, s.6; R.S.S. 1920, c.144, s.6.

**Subjects of examination**

7(1) Applicants for registration as drugless practitioners shall be examined upon the following subjects: anatomy, physiology and histology, chemistry, sanitary science and hygiene, general diagnosis, pathology and bacteriology, principles and practice of osteopathy or chiropractic, or whatever system of healing the candidate, intends to practise.

(2) The subjects of this examination may be changed from time to time by the senate of the university.

1917 (sess. 2), c.67, s.7; R.S.S. 1920, c.144, s.7

**Existing practitioners**

8(1) Any person who practised osteopathy or chiropractic in this province for at least six months prior to the thirty-first day of December, 1917, shall be admitted to the register and licensed on producing satisfactory evidence of that fact, and:

- (a) that he is of the full age of twenty-one years;
- (b) that he is of good moral character;
- (c) that he has taken a course of study in osteopathy or chiropractic or in medical or surgical subjects and osteopathy or chiropractic, by personal attendance and not by correspondence, extending over a period of at least two years of six months in each year; and
- (d) that he holds a diploma from an incorporated school or college of osteopathy or chiropractic, empowered to grant such and approved by the university.

(2) Any such other persons who having practised in the province shall satisfy the university of their fitness to be licensed may also be registered and licensed under this section.

1917 (sess. 2), c.67, s.8; R.S.S. 1920, c.144, s.8.

#### Investigation of complaints

9(1) The Commissioner of Public Health, or such other person as may be appointed, by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the purpose, may investigate any complaint that may be made to him concerning a drugless practitioner who is charged with unbecoming or improper conduct.

(2) For the purpose of such investigation the commissioner or such other person may administer oaths, affirmations or declarations; may summon witnesses to appear before him and may require such witnesses to give evidence orally or in writing upon oath, or in the case of persons entitled to affirm in civil matters, upon solemn affirmation, and to produce such books and documents as he deems requisite, and he shall have the same power to enforce the attendance of witnesses and to compel them to give evidence as is vested in any court of record in civil cases.

(3) The commissioner or such other person may, after an investigation, erase or cause to be erased the name of a drugless practitioner from the register of drugless practitioner or suspend him from practice for a period or indefinitely, and he may, for good cause shown, restore the name of such practitioner to the register or revoke such suspension, as he thinks fit.

(4) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make rules, orders or regulations for the conduct of investigations under this section.

1917 (sess. 2), c.67.s.9; R.S.S. 1920, c.144, s.9.

#### Rights of registered practitioners

10 Every person licensed under the provisions of this Act and not under suspension, and no others, shall be entitled to practise drugless healing and to demand and recover in any court with full costs of suit, reasonable charges for professional aid, advice and visits.

1917 (sess. 2), c.67, s.10; R.S.S. 1920, c.144, s.10.

#### Restrictions

11(1) a drugless practitioner shall not prescribe or administer drugs or medicinal preparations, or treat any venereal disease or any communicable disease as defined by *The Public Health Act*; nor shall he perform any surgical or obstetrical operation unless he holds a special license for the purpose.

(2) A drugless practitioner may use words or symbols to designate his calling, and for this purpose may employ the term "Doctor" or "Physician," provided it is used in connection with words indicating that he is a drugless practitioner or practises some branch of drugless healing, or he may adopt the title "manipulative surgeon," but otherwise he shall not use the letters "M.D." or the prefix "Dr." or the term "Doctor" or "Physician" or "Surgeon," or the words "Doctor of Medicine" or "Physician and Surgeon" in connection with his name, nor shall he by advertisement, announcement or otherwise represent himself as a physician or surgeon.

(3) Any drugless practitioner who commits a breach of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

1917 (sess. 2), c.67, s.11; R.S.S. 1920, c.144, s.11.

**12** No person who is not licensed under this Act or who is under suspension shall practise drugless healing for hire, gain or hope of reward, and if any person not licensed or who is under suspension practises or professes to practise drugless healing he shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding \$100.

1917 (sess. 2), c.67, s.12; R.S.S. 1920, c.144, s.12.

*The Medical Profession Act*

**13** The treatment of disease by osteopathy or chiropractic or other methods of drugless healing, is hereby not declared to be a practice of medicine or surgery within the meaning of *The Medical Profession Act*, nor shall the said treatment by a person registered under this Act render him liable to the penalties imposed upon unqualified or unlicensed practitioners by the said *The Medical Profession Act*.

1917 (sess. 2), c.67, s.13; R.S.S. 1920, c.144, s.13.

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SCHEDULE

FORM A

(Section 3)

*The Drugless Practitioners Act*

LICENSE

Be it known to all men that \_\_\_\_\_ has complied with all the requirements of *The Drugless Practitioners Act*, has passed the prescribed examination and has been duly registered as a drugless practitioner and is hereby entitled to practise (osteopathy, chiropractic, or *as the case may be*).

Dated at Regina this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_\_.

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*Commissioner of Public Health.*