

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled -

Sec I. That the present Medical Law be and is hereby changed and amended to read as follows -

Sec I. The Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation is authorized and required to appoint a Board of Health <sup>whose term of office shall be four years</sup> to consist of three persons, citizens of the Choctaw Nation, who <sup>shall be</sup> are regular graduates of some well known Medical College, and residents of said Nation, whose duty it shall be to act as a Board of Medical Examiners and to have in addition all the powers and authority usually delegated to a Board of Health and which is more specifically herein after defined -

Sec II. The Board of Health shall elect annually from their number a President, Vice President and Secretary - The President shall have general supervision over

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the work of said Board of Health and in this capacity shall be recognized as the health officer of the Choctaw Nation. And all matters pertaining to the public health shall be regulated and carried out under his direction and supervision. His Vice President shall act instead of the President when for any reason the latter is unable to attend to his duties.

The Secretary shall attend to all correspondence, keep all records, and be the disbursing officer of all funds when approved by the President, and his office be the headquarters of said Board of Health.

Sec III The Board of Health shall meet once every three months and at such other times as may be deemed necessary, for the purpose of examining any person or persons, who may apply for a license to practice medicine in the Choctaw Nations, provided such

applicants are eligible as herein after defined, due notice of the time and place of meeting being given by the Secretary of the Board.

Sec<sup>th</sup> Any person desiring to come before the Board of Health for examination must accompany his application with a certificate of good moral character signed by three or more reputable citizens of the Choctaw Nation to whom the applicant is known; but no person who has not obtained the age of Twenty one years, and has not attended at least one Term at some reputable Medical College shall be permitted to take the examination.

Sec<sup>th</sup> The fee for examination shall be fifteen dollars which must accompany the application for examination. In no case will the fee

be returned, but when an applicant fails to pass a satisfactory examination he may be given a subsequent examination at the expiration of three months, without the payment of an additional <sup>fee</sup>.

Sec. II If an applicant shall pass a satisfactory examination the Board of Health shall grant said applicant a Certificate to Practice, Medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics in the Choctaw Nation, said certificate to show upon its face the school of Medicine with which the holder affiliates, and to bear the seal of Board of Health and be signed by at least two members of Board of Health. This certificate shall be registered in the office of the Secretary of the Choctaw Nation in a Book kept for that purpose, for which a fee of fifty cents shall be charged - after which he or she will

be permitted to practice  
Medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics  
in the Choctaw Nation without  
any subsequent experience herein.

Sec. VII Any person holding a certificate  
from <sup>the</sup> Board of Health and  
found guilty of habitual drunk  
ennery or grossly immoral or  
unprofessional conduct <sup>shall</sup> ~~will~~  
have the same revoked.

Sec. VIII Any person shall be held  
~~to be~~ practicing Medicine, Surgery  
or Obstetrics or to be a physician  
within the meaning of this act  
who shall publicly profess to  
be a Physician, surgeon or  
Obstetrician, or assume the  
duties, or shall make a  
practice of prescribing, or  
prescribing and furnishing  
medicinal for the sick, or  
who shall publicly profess  
to cure or heal; but it  
shall not be construed to  
prohibit gratuitous <sup>service</sup> in the  
case of emergency, nor shall  
it apply to surgeons of the  
United States Army or Navy

nor to the advertisement and sale of patent or proprietary medicines

Sec. IX. Any person not a citizen of this nation who shall practice Medicine, Surgery or Obstetrics in this nation in violation of this Act. shall be expelled from the limits of said nation as an intruder; Any person who is a citizen of this nation violating this Act shall be fined <sup>the sum of</sup> twenty five dollars for each offense, and each day that he or she shall practice in violation of this act, shall be considered a separate offense.

Sec. X. Every physician who practices Medicine, Surgery or Obstetrics or professing, or attempting to treat, cure or heal disease, ailments or injuries, by any medicine, appliance or method, who goes from place to place, or house to house, or by circulars, letters or advertisements, solicits persons to meet him for professional treatment at places other than his office,

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at the place of his residence, shall be considered an itinerant physician, and in addition to the certificate elsewhere provided for in this act, such itinerant physician shall procure from the Board of Health a license as an itinerant physician, for which he shall pay to the Treasurer of the Choctaw Nation the sum of One Hundred Dollars per annum, the same to be used by the Choctaw Nation as any other revenue. This certificate may be revoked as in the case of regular certificates. Any person not a citizen of this Nation who shall violate this section shall be expelled as an intruder and be subject to all the pains and penalties applicable to such cases should he or she return; Any citizen of this Nation violating this section shall upon conviction be fined

not less than One Hundred  
nor more than Three Hundred  
Dollars and confined in  
~~some~~ jail in said Nation  
until the fine is paid.

Sec. XI

The Board of Health shall  
receive the fees as compensa-  
tion for its service when acting  
in the capacity of an Examining  
Board, but at such other times  
when engaged in sanitary work  
or when engaged in preventing  
and suppressing disease, and  
for all other duties besides the  
duties of an Examining Board.  
the compensation shall be  
fixed by the Principal Chief  
of the Choctaw Nation, provided  
however that in addition to  
the above the Secretary of the  
Board of Health shall receive  
a monthly salary of Twenty  
Five Dollars, the same to  
be paid out of the funds  
of the Choctaw Nation as in  
the case of other officers of  
the Nation.



Sec XVII

It shall be the imperative duty of the Board of Health of the Choctaw Nation to use all reasonable means and measures looking to the preservation of the public health - it is therefore clothed with the authority and it is hereby made its bounden duty to investigate the cause and spread of disease, to use every reasonable means for its prevention and suppression. To this end it ~~has the~~ <sup>shall have</sup> power to establish quarantine, fumigate and disinfect infected premises and remove or destroy <sup>or abate</sup> all <sup>things</sup> ~~articles~~ that <sup>are</sup> ~~might be~~ <sup>injurious</sup> dangerous to the public health.

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It is further clothed with the authority to administer oaths take testimony or summon witnesses when in its judgment the interests of the public <sup>health</sup> require it; and this authority is delegated to each and every member of the Board of Health.

Sec. XV It is further enacted that any and all Officers of the peace of the Choctaw Nation shall be required to enforce the orders, regulations and restrictions emanating from said Board of Health and to cooperate and act in conjunction with the Board and each member ~~of it~~ <sup>thereof</sup> in the discharge of its duties as herein before ~~outlined~~ specified.

Sec. XVI Be it further enacted that this act shall ~~have~~ be in full force and effect from and upon its passage; and any and all acts conflicting with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved this the 1st day of November 1899.  
Green McLain  
Principal Chief  
Choctaw Nation

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Proposed by  
H. G. Wood

Choctaw Nation.  
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Soloman J. Homer,  
National Secretary.

An Act Amending  
The Present Medical  
Law and Requiring  
the duties of the

Board of Health.

Read, introduced  
Passed the senate  
and referred to the  
house

This 31st day of  
Oct- 1899.

H. G. Wood  
Pres-Senate

Will Everidge

Recording Clerk  
Read and interpreted &  
passed the House &  
referred to the Principal  
Chief this the 1st day Nov-  
ember 1899.

J. W. Hunter  
Speaker  
House

E. E. Boyer

Rec. Sec.