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## A BILL

To further regulate practice in dentistry and  
to amend the Dentists Act, 1912.

[MR. FLOWERS ;—22 *July*, 1914.]

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**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty,  
by and with the advice and consent of the Legis-  
lative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South  
Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority  
of the same, as follows :—

**1.** This Act may be cited as the “Dentists (Amend-  
ment) Act, 1914.”

Short title  
and com-  
mencement.

It shall commence and take effect on and after the  
day of one thousand nine

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**2.**



Amendment  
of s. 3.

**2.** The following is added to section three of the Dentists Act, 1912 :—“ For the purposes of this Act—

“ (a) a person practises in dentistry if he, for fee, salary, or other reward, performs any operation on the human teeth or jaws, or artificially restores lost teeth or jaws or portions of jaws, or treats diseases, lesions, or corrects mal-positions in human teeth or jaws ; but the above definition shall not apply to the mechanical construction by an artisan of artificial dentures or other devices ;

“ (b) a person is an operative assistant if he practises in dentistry as an assistant to a dentist.”

Infamous  
conduct in a  
professional  
respect.  
Amendment  
of s. 8.

**3.** Section eight of the said Act is amended by the addition after paragraph (b) of the following :—

“ Any registered dentist who makes use of any title, or description, which has not been conferred upon him by some duly qualified body shall be deemed guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect.”

Amendment  
of s. 10.

**4.** Section ten of the said Act is amended by the addition of the following proviso :—

“ Provided that such registration shall not confer upon such person any right to use any title or description other than that of registered dentist.”

New section.

**5.** The following new section is inserted next after section ten of the said Act :—

Persons who  
may be  
registered as  
dentists.

Practice for  
five years.

10A. (1) Any person who for a period of five years immediately preceding the commencement of the Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1914, has, solely and continuously, practised in dentistry in New South Wales on his own account, may for three years after such commencement continue to so practise ; and if before the expiration of such three years he passes before the board an examination in surgical dentistry, mechanical dentistry, and materia medica (dental), he shall be entitled to be registered as a dentist under this Act.

Operative  
assistant for  
five years.

(2) Any person who for a period of not less than five years immediately preceding the said commencement



5 commencement has been solely and continuously employed as operative assistant to a person practising in dentistry in New South Wales may, for three years after such commencement, work for any such person in such employment; and if, before the expiration of such three years, he passes before the board an examination in surgical dentistry, mechanical dentistry, and materia medica (dental), he shall be entitled to be registered as a dentist under this Act.

10 (3) Any person who for a period of not less than two years immediately preceding the said commencement has practised dentistry in New South Wales on his own account shall be entitled to serve as assistant to a registered dentist, or a  
15 person authorised by this Act to practice as a dentist, for a term which, with the period during which he has practised as aforesaid, would amount to five years.

20 If he serves such term, and passes the prescribed examination before the board, he shall be entitled to be registered as a dentist under this Act.

25 (4) Provided that a person shall not come within the provisions of this section unless within three months after the said commencement he registers his name with the board, and satisfies the board that he has practised or has been employed, as the case may be, in the required manner and for the required period, and that he is of good character.

30 **6.** Section twelve of the same Act is repealed, and the following is inserted in its place:—

35 12. If any person, not being a legally qualified medical practitioner, or a dentist registered under this Act, or a person authorised by this Act to practise as a dentist, takes or uses the name or title of "dentist" or of "dental practitioner" or of "dental surgeon," or any name, initials, title, addition, or description, which either alone or in  
40 conjunction with other words implies or tends to the belief that he is entitled to practise in dentistry under this Act, he shall be liable for each offence to a penalty not exceeding *twenty* pounds nor less than *two* pounds.

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7. The following new section is inserted next after section twelve of the said Act:—

Penalty for  
practice by  
unregistered  
person.

12A. If any person other than a legally qualified medical practitioner or a dentist registered under this Act, or a person practising in dentistry or acting as assistant to a dentist under the authority of this Act, practises in dentistry, he shall be liable for each offence to a penalty not exceeding *twenty* pounds nor less than *two* pounds. 5