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SENATE, No. 139

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Mr. PRALL.

Referred to Committee on Public Health

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4 tained by any municipality, county or the State, or any political subdivision thereof,
5 any public hospital supported either in whole or in part by grants of public moneys;
6 any company, corporation, firm, association or partnership engaged in any legal en-
7 terprise within the State, or any group, or association of companies, corporations,
8 firms, associations or partnerships which may singly or severally maintain its own
9 or their own privately maintained "clinic," "infirmary" or "hospital" for the dental
10 care of their employees, *provided* in such cases the establishment of such privately
11 maintained "clinic," "infirmary" or "hospital" whether single or several shall be ap-
12 proved by the State Board of Registration and Examination in Dentistry; any in-
16 "infirmary" or "hospital" in which dental treatment or services may be rendered to
13 dividual, corporation or association, devoted to philanthropic or charitable aims, which
15 persons, or persons physically or mentally handicapped, *provided*, that such "clinic,"
14 may establish any "clinic," "infirmary" or "hospital" for the free treatment of indigent
17 such persons, shall be approved by the State Board of Institutions and Agencies in
18 this State.

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2 any place where the science of dentistry in any of its branches may be practiced,
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4 tistry in any of its branches may be practiced, demonstrated or taught, except as herein
5 defined and construed and upon conviction thereof, shall pay a penalty of five hundred
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STATEMENT

The unrestricted use of certain words to designate places where dentistry, in any of its branches, is practiced, has been the cause of deceiving the general public. The use of the word "clinic" rightly denotes a place where free treatment is accorded indigent persons. The abuse of this word has resulted in the victimization of many people. While this improper use of this word has long been employed by charlatans and quacks in the medical profession, it has only been in recent years that instances of its use by unprincipled members of the dental profession, have been noted. Similarly the unfettered use

of the words "infirmary" and "hospital" have resulted in the beguilement of the unwary and often they have been victimized and subjected to other practices to their despite. In like manner the unrestricted use of the words "college," "school" and "university" has resulted in many young persons being mulcted of their money, as there are places which hold themselves out as teaching a branch of dentistry, under these designations, with the result that the so-called "school" or "college" obtains sums of money as tuition fees and the instruction, as unhappily it is termed, is of such nature that the persons are not qualified to engage in the profession allegedly taught, as the so-called institution is without official supervision or recognition and the "instructors" are without the necessary qualifications to impart such instruction. This proposed law aims at a definition of these terms in accordance with accepted definitions and proper usage and will not only protect the public from victimization, but will also aid in further determining the status of the science of dentistry and will aid in curbing the unethical element in that profession.