

Physician's License, Revocation of. License, Physicians,
Revocation of. Medicine, Practicing Without License. State
Board of Medical Examiners, Authority to Revoke License.

Persons who practice medicine without having obtained a license therefor are guilty of violating the law, but the State Board of Medical Examiners have no jurisdiction in such cases, but the board may revoke a license for unprofessional and dishonest conduct.

Helena, Montana, October 19, 1909.

Hon. William C. Riddell,
Secretary State Board of Medical Examiners,
Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:—

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., and also your letter of the 14th inst., asking the advice of this office as to the duty of the board with reference to charges made against E. J. Kellihan, Doctor Metzger, Doctor Maillet and Doctor J. E. Legault. It appears that the first three parties named are practicing medicine without ever having received a license from the board. With these parties the board has

nothing to do, unless it would be to call the attention of the county authorities to the matter, or to make complaint charging them with violating the law which requires a license to practice. The other party, Doctor Legault, it appears, has been licensed by the board, but, it is charged, that he is guilty of unprofessional and dishonorable conduct in his practice. With reference to him authority is conferred upon the board to revoke his certificate, as provided for in section 1588, revised codes.

I have also received from Mr. John F. Davies, copies of complaints against the above named parties, which I enclose you herewith.

Very truly yours,

ALBERT J. GALEN,

Attorney General.