

midwife (either alone or in combination with any other word or words), or any name, title, addition, or description implying that she is registered under this Act, or is specially qualified to act as a midwife unless she be registered under this Act.

(2) Any person who, after the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and ninety—, not being registered under this Act, shall take or use the name of midwife or any other such name, title, addition, or description as aforesaid, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

(3) No woman shall be placed on the midwives register until she shall have complied with the rules and regulations to be laid down in pursuance of the terms of this Act.

(4) The certificate of registration under this Act shall not confer upon any woman any right or title to be registered under the Medical Acts in respect of such certificate, or to assume any name, title, or designation implying that she is by law recognized as a licentiate or practitioner in medicine or surgery, or that she is qualified to grant any medical certificate, or any certificate of the cause of death.

4. *Provision for Existing Midwives.*—Any woman who, before the expiration of two years from the passing of this Act, claims to be registered under this Act, shall be so registered provided she produces evidence, satisfactory to the Midwives Board, that at the passing of this Act she has either been in *bona fide* practice as a midwife for a period of two years, or holds a certificate in midwifery from the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, or from the Obstetrical Society of London, or such other certificate as may be approved by the Board.

5. *Constitution and Duties of the Midwives Board.*—On the passing of this Act a Midwives Board shall be constituted by the General Medical Council, and shall consist

(1) Of twelve registered medical practitioners, three to be appointed by the Royal College of Physicians of London, three by the Royal College of Surgeons of England, three by the Society of Apothecaries, and three by the Incorporated Midwives Institute, and

(2) Of six persons to be appointed for terms of three years by the Lord President of the Council.

One-third of the elected members of the Board shall annually retire, but shall be eligible for re-election after the lapse of one year. The duties of the Midwives Board shall be as follows:

(a) To make rules for regulating the conditions of admission to the register, and the mode of conducting the qualifying examinations.

(b) To appoint examiners.

(c) To decide upon the places where, and the time when, examinations shall be held.

(d) To frame for approval by the General Medical Council rules regulating the admission to the register of women already in *bona fide* practice as midwives at the passing of this Act.

(e) To prepare and publish annually a register of midwives.

(f) To frame for approval by the General Medical Council rules for regulating, supervising, and restricting within due limits the practice of midwives.

(g) To decide upon the conditions under which a midwife may be suspended from practice.

(h) To decide upon the removal from the register of the name of any midwife for disobeying the rules and regulations from time to time laid down under this Act by the Midwives Board or for other misconduct, and to decide upon the restoration to the register of the name of any midwife so removed.

(i) And, generally to do, subject to the approval of the General Medical