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The following summaries are included herein for reference purposes.

1. Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 324, provided that in Hardin and McNairy Counties anyone who had had two years work in an accredited medical school and eight years experience in actual practice, three years in hospital work and spent one year in the Medical Corps and is now engaged in the practice of medicine at the time of the passage of this Act in the above specified counties for five years, or more, is hereby licensed to practice medicine in those counties upon proof of the above requirements being filed with the State Board of Medical Examiners. It shall be the duty of the said Board to issue the license, as prescribed above. This Act was repealed in its entirety by Chapter 339, Private Acts of 1927.
2. Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 354, stated that anyone in McNairy, Chester and Hardeman Counties, using 1920 population figures, with good moral character, 21 years old, or more, and who had been continuously engaged in the practice of medicine in this state in either of the counties mentioned will be permitted to practice medicine in all three counties in the same way. Upon proof of the above qualifications being filed with the State Board of Medical Examiners, the Board shall issue a license to that person to practice medicine in those counties in the same way as others do. This Act was repealed by Chapter 415, Private Acts of 1927, below.
3. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 339, expressly repealed Chapter 324, Private Acts of 1925, in its entirety.
4. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 415, repealed Chapter 354, Private Acts of 1925, in its entirety.
5. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 712, stated that in McNairy County, using 1930 population figures, people 25 years of age, or older, who have attended medical school of a type recommended by the State Board for at least two years, and who has practiced medicine in conjunction with other licensed medical practitioners for at least five years, and such person is in the estimation of people qualified, upon proof of these facts, the State Board of Medical Examiners shall issue a license to practice medicine to such persons which shall be valid as all other licenses.
6. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 627, provided that in McNairy County, any soldier of the World War with honorable discharge, with at least 12 months experience in the Medical Corps, who acted in command of a company of men as a doctor, an honor graduate of the University of Tennessee's School of Medicine in pharmacy, who has been actively engaged in prescribing and dispensing drugs, making diagnoses, and practicing medicine with regular licensed physicians for ten years, are hereby licensed to practice medicine, and the State Board of Medical Examiners shall issue the license to do so upon proof of these facts being filed with them.
7. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 641, stated that anyone who has had at least two years experience as a pharmacist, working in the business or under the direction of a licensed medical doctor, at least 21 years of age, and of good moral character is hereby authorized to carry on the business of a pharmacist in McNairy County.

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