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The following summaries are included herein for reference purposes.

1. Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 679, provided that all persons in Johnson County who had been practicing medicine for ten years at the time of passage of this act would be licensed to practice medicine without meeting any further requirements.
2. Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 279, was an act regulating the practice of dentistry in Johnson County. It provided that all persons who had been engaged in the practice of dentistry for five years in the State of Tennessee or who were "graduates of mechanical dentistry" schools and who could offer proof of such to the county court clerk would be issued a license to practice dentistry in Johnson County.
3. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 117, authorized persons who had held permits from the state board of pharmacy for three consecutive years and who had owned and operated a drugstore for not less than three years and who could furnish sworn statements by three reputable physicians as to their fitness, to conduct a business as a druggist in Johnson County.
4. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 336, provided that any physician licensed to practice medicine in the state was qualified to be the Johnson County Health Officer or hold the office of the Johnson County Jail Commission.
5. Private Acts of 1935, Chapter 308, authorized W. F. Cuthbert, a graduate of the Veterinary Science Association of Loudon, Ontario, Canada, to practice veterinary science in Johnson County.
6. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 328, authorized Joe N. Stout, a graduate of the Veterinary Science Association of Detroit, Michigan, to practice veterinary medicine in Johnson County.
7. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 596, provided that any person who had been engaged in the practice of medicine in this state for ten years was licensed to practice in Johnson County, under the provisions of this act without having to meet any other licensing requirements.
8. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 825, authorized J. Louie Freeman, who had more than ten years actual experience, to practice veterinary medicine in Johnson and Lauderdale counties.

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