

APPENDIX C

EARLY LAWS REGULATING PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IN NEBRASKA

The first effort at regulation of medical practice was an act to establish the Nebraska Medical Society, approved March 2, 1855. This act provided that the physician must be a member of the society to practice legally.

The second step to regulate the practice of medicine was an act approved March 3, 1881, which specified filing with county clerk certain qualifications before entitled to practice.

An amended act to regulate practice of medicine was approved March 1, 1883. An act to establish a state board of health, to regulate the practice of medicine in 1891, was the first provision for issuance of a certificate or license in definite form.

Subsequent amendments progressively increased the standards or requirements for a license to practice medicine.