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the modification of said plans shall have previously been submitted to and received the approval of the Chief of Engineers and of the Secretary of War, and any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any time order in the interest of navigation shall be promptly made by said company at its own expense.

Litigation.

SEC. 2. That in case any litigation arises from the building of said bridge or from the obstruction of said river by said bridge cases may be tried in the proper courts, as now provided for that purpose in the States of Minnesota and North Dakota and in the courts of the United States: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to repeal or modify any of the provisions of law now existing in reference to the protection of the navigation of rivers or to exempt said bridge from the operation of same.

Proviso.
Existing laws not affected.

Use by other roads.

SEC. 3. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains over the same, and over the approaches thereto, upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case of disagreement between the parties in regard to the compensation to be paid or the conditions to be observed all matters at issue shall be determined by the Secretary of War.

Compensation.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 4. That any bridge built under this Act, and subject to its limitations, shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which no higher charge shall be made for the transmission of mails and the troops and munitions of war of the United States over the same than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroad or approaches leading to the said bridge; and it shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States, and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies, and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal telegraph and telephone purposes.

Telegraph, etc., rights.

Time of construction.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall be null and void unless the bridge herein authorized be commenced within one year and completed within two years from the date of approval of this Act.

Amendment.

SEC. 6. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, January 19, 1905.

January 19, 1905.
[H. R. 15320.]
[Public, No. 16.]

CHAP. 49.—An Act To amend "An Act to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery, to license physicians and surgeons, and to punish persons violating the provisions thereof in the District of Columbia," approved June third, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

District of Columbia.
Issue of licenses to practice medicine, etc., in.
Vol. 29, p. 200, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section eight of "An Act to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery, to license physicians and surgeons, and to punish persons violating the provisions thereof in the District of Columbia," approved June third, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, be amended by striking out the following words: "*Provided*, That a license shall be issued upon application, free of cost and without examination, to each physician who is registered at the health office of the District of Columbia at the time of the passage of this Act, and to physicians who may change their residence to the District of Columbia from any State or Territory where medical laws and medical examining boards exist, the presentation of a certificate or license from a medical examining board, if found upon due inquiry to be true and genuine, being sufficient evidence of right to registration and certification under the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That the medical laws and examining boards of such States and

Territories grant equal rights and recognition to the licentiates of the board herein created," and by inserting in lieu thereof, after section eight, the following:

Requirements of practitioners from other States, etc.

SEC. 8a. That the board of medical supervisors of the District of Columbia be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to license to practice medicine and surgery in said District, without examination, any applicant for such license who has been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in any other jurisdiction, whether a State, Territory, or insular possession of the United States, or a foreign country, subject to the following conditions:

Good moral character, etc., required.

"a. No applicant shall be licensed who is not of good moral character and free from mental defects and drug habits liable to interfere with the proper practice of medicine and surgery;

Two years' prior practice necessary.

"b. Nor who, at the time of making application, and for not less than two years prior to the date thereof, has not been lawfully authorized to practice medicine and surgery, and actually engaged in such practice, in the jurisdiction wherein he resides;

Equal conditions as to requirements.

"c. Nor unless the applicant acquired the right to practice medicine and surgery in such jurisdiction under conditions equivalent to those with which he would have had to comply in order then to have practiced medicine and surgery in the District of Columbia;

Privileges granted licentiates must be equal.

"d. Nor unless the jurisdiction, by virtue of whose license the applicant seeks exemption from examination in the District of Columbia, grants to licentiates of the board of medical supervisors of said District privileges equivalent to those which the applicants seeks;

Fees.

"e. Nor until the applicant has paid to the board of medical supervisors aforesaid such fee as may be fixed and required by the regulations of said board, but not more than the fee charged under similar circumstances by the jurisdiction by virtue of whose license the applicant seeks exemption from examination.

Certificates for license in other jurisdictions.

"And said board of medical supervisors is further authorized and directed to issue in favor of its licentiates such certificates, if any, as may be necessary to enable such licentiates, without examination, to obtain licenses to practice medicine and surgery in other jurisdictions,

Fees.

and to collect for the issue of such certificates such fees as may be necessary to defray the cost of issuing the same and to use such fees for that purpose.

Board to determine matters of fact.

"And said board of medical supervisors is further authorized to determine all matters of fact required to be determined in the execution of the provisions of this section."

Approved, January 19, 1905.

January 20, 1905.
[H. R. 15225.]
[Public, No. 17.]

CHAP. 50.—An Act To amend the Act relating to the printing and distribution of public documents, and for other purposes.

Public printing.
Reduction in number of reports, bills, etc.
Vol. 28, p. 608, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act providing for the public printing and binding and distribution of public documents," approved January twelfth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, be amended as follows:

That section fifty-four of said Act is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof as follows:

"Usual number" of reports on private bills, etc., abolished.
Copies to be printed.

That hereafter the usual number of reports on private bills, concurrent or simple resolutions, shall not be printed. In lieu thereof there shall be printed of each Senate report on a private bill, simple or concurrent resolution, three hundred and forty-five copies, which shall be distributed as follows: To the Senate document room, two hundred and twenty copies; to the Secretary of the Senate, fifteen copies; to

Distribution.