

certificate to that effect, signed by the president and secretary of the said board, and such certificate shall be conclusive as to the right of the lawful holder of the same to practise medicine in this State; provided, that the provisions of this sub-title of this article shall not apply to any person who has been practising medicine continuously within this State for ten years before the passage of this sub-title of this article.

1888, ch. 429, sec. 2.

**40.** The verification of the diploma shall consist in the affidavit of the holder or applicant that he or she is the lawful possessor of the same, and that he or she is the person therein named; and for the purpose of this sub-title of this article the said State board of health, or a majority thereof, is authorized to administer oaths, or examine under oath, any person applying for the certificate of the board. Graduates may present their diplomas, with affidavits as to the genuineness of the same taken before any person authorized to administer oaths in this State, attested under the hand and official seal of such officer, if he have a seal, by letter or by proxy; and the said State board of health shall, if satisfied that the diploma has been issued by a legally authorized medical college of good reputation and standing, and that the applicant is the lawful possessor of the same, issue a certificate the same as though the owner of the diploma were present.

Ibid. sec. 3.

**41.** Every person not a graduate of any legally authorized medical college, but who is practising in the State, shall present himself before the State board of health for such examination as the said board shall require; and if the examination be satisfactory to the examiners, the said board shall issue its certificate in accordance with the facts, and the lawful holder of such certificate shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges herein mentioned.

Ibid. sec. 4.

**42.** The said State board of health shall receive a fee of one dollar for every diploma examined and certificate issued thereon, or from every graduate who applies for the certificate of the board; and every candidate, not a graduate, applying for a cer-