WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1943

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 244

(By Mr. Davis, by request)

PASSED March 8, 1943

In Effect from Passage
AN ACT to amend article one, chapter thirty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, by adding thereto a new section to be designated section four-a, providing for the acknowledgment of written instruments by persons in the military service of the United States of America.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article one, chapter thirty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, be amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated section four-a, to read as follows:

Article 1. Authentication and Record of Writings.

Section 4-a. Acknowledgment of Persons in the Military Service of the United States of America; Who May
Take Same, and Form Thereof.—Upon the request of any person interested therein, the clerk of the county court of any county in which any deed, contract, power of attorney, or other writing is to be, or may be, recorded, shall admit the same to record as to any person whose name is signed thereto who is in the military service of the United States (including the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Women's Appointed Volunteers for Emergency Service, Army Nurse Corps, "Spars", Women's Reserve, or similar women's auxiliary unit officially connected with the military service of the United States), upon the certificate of his or her acknowledgement before any commissioned officer of any branch of the military service of the United States, or auxiliary unit officially connected with such military service. Such acknowledgment may be taken at any place either within or outside of the United States of America, or any territory, possession or dependency thereof. The certificate of such acknowledgment need not state the place where same is taken and shall require no seal to be affixed thereto. The officer certifying such acknowledgment must
state his rank, branch of military service, and identification number; and such certificate of acknowledgment may be in form and effect as follows:

IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES:

I, ________________________________, a commissioned officer in the military service of the United States, do certify that ________________________________, who is a member of the military service of the United States (or of ________________________________, an auxiliary to the military forces of the United States), whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the ___ day of __________________________, 19______, has this day acknowledged the same before me; and I further certify that I am a __________________________ (state rank) in the __________________________ of the United States and my identification number is _________________.

Given under my hand this ___ day of ________________, 19______

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(Official Title)
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Ray F. Jenkins
Chairman Senate Committee

Fred A. Pastgeff
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect from passage.

Ollice Wallace
Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

James P. Paule
President of the Senate

John E. Anderson
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 17th day of March, 1943.

Matthew Neave
Governor

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia MAR 17 1943