WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1951

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 248

(By Mr. Neal, by request)

PASSED March 9, 1951

In Effect 90 days from Passage
AN ACT to repeal chapter ninety-nine, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine, and to amend and reenact section four, article three, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to licensing of persons permitted to practice medicine and surgery in West Virginia by adding thereto a new class of candidates entitled to take examinations for a license.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That chapter ninety-nine, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine, be repealed, and that section four, article three, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. Who Permitted to Practice Medicine and Surgery in This State; Licensing of Licensed Practitioners
From Other States; Permits to Practice in Prescribed Areas.—The following persons and no others shall hereafter be permitted to practice medicine and surgery in this state: (a) All such persons as shall be legally entitled to practice medicine and surgery in this state at the time of the adoption of this act; (b) all such persons as shall be graduates of class "A" medical schools, as classified by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association, the American Association of Medical Colleges, the American Institute of Homeopathy and the National Eclectic Medical Association, and then only from such schools, when so classified, as require, as a condition to entrance upon the study of medicine, at least two years of academic work of collegiate grade in a standard college of arts and sciences of equal rank with the college of arts and sciences in the West Virginia university, and who shall pass an examination before the medical licensing board and shall receive a certificate therefrom as hereinafter provided; and (c) all such persons as shall be graduates of foreign medical schools whose diplomas have been authenticated by the medical
licensing board, and whose premedical education shall meet the requirements of clause (b) above, and who, being citizens of the United States, shall have resided in this state for at least three years immediately preceding application for license, and who shall be recommended by the medical societies of the counties in this state in which they respectively reside as possessing the learning and experience requisite to the practice of medicine and surgery, and who shall pass an examination before the medical licensing board and shall receive a certificate therefrom as hereinafter provided: Provided, however, That the said board, or a majority of them, may accept in lieu of an examination of applicants under clause (b) above, the certificate of the national board of medical examiners, or the certificate of license to practice medicine and surgery legally granted by the state board of registration or examination or licensing board of another state, territory, or any foreign country, whose standard of qualification for the practice of medicine and surgery is equivalent to that of this state, and grant to such applicant a certificate of license to practice medicine and sur-
gery in this state, provided such state, territory, or for-
eign country accords like privileges to licentiates of this
state: Provided further, That whenever in the judgment
of the medical licensing board a condition exists in which
medical service may be required, the said board is author-
ized to grant permits for the practice of medicine to qual-
ified physicians in prescribed areas, and such permits shall
be subject to revocation when the agreement, under
which they were issued, has been violated; (d) any person
who shall have graduated from a medical school on or
after January first, one thousand nine hundred thirty-
nine, and who has met all the requirements of law per-
taining to education and training entitling such person to
an examination by, and subsequent license from, the ap-
propriate state board or agency for the practice of medi-
cine and surgery in this state, except that such medical
school was not at the time of such graduation a class “A”
medical school as defined by statute in such case, shall
nevertheless, be entitled to take such examination and
upon passing be issued such license in those cases wherein
such medical school has, prior to the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred forty-eight, been classified as such class “A” medical school.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 16th day of March, 1951.

Governor

In the office of the Governor of West Virginia

D. Pitt O'Brien,
Secretary of State