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HOUSE BILL No. 173

(By Mr. Poweaster & McCassey)

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JOE F. BURDETT
SECRETARY OF STATE
AN ACT to amend and reenact sections four and six, article ten, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, and to further amend said article ten by adding thereto a new section to be designated section three-a, all relating to veterinarians.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections four and six, article ten, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted and that said article ten be further amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated three-a, all to read as follows:

Section 4. Who May Register; Examination.—An applicant for a veterinarian's license shall be a citizen of the United States or shall have filed his first citizenship papers to become such a citizen, and be a graduate of, and possess
a diploma from a veterinary college approved by the American veterinary medical association. Any such person shall be allowed to register as a veterinarian who shall pass a satisfactory examination held by the examining board, or any person shall be allowed to register as a veterinarian who has practiced as a veterinarian in this state for ten years or more before the passage of any law by this state regulating such practice. The examination of an applicant for registration as a veterinarian, a veterinary surgeon, or veterinary dentist, shall cover all branches pertaining to veterinary science, and shall be sufficiently strict to test the qualifications of the applicant as a practitioner.

Sec. 6. Annual Renewal of Registration.—Every veterinarian registered under any of the preceding sections, who desires to continue in the practice of veterinary medicine, veterinary surgery, or veterinary dentistry in West Virginia, shall annually, on or before the first day of July of each year, pay to the secretary of the examining board a renewal fee of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars as fixed by said board, upon receipt of which the
secretary of the examining board shall issue to him a renewal of such registration to practice veterinary medicine, veterinary surgery, and veterinary dentistry in any of the counties of this state.

Sec. 3-a. **Powers and Duties.**—The West Virginia veterinary board shall examine all qualified applicants for license to practice veterinary surgery, veterinary medicine, or veterinary dentistry, and it shall license all such applicants who qualify under applicable statutes.

The said board shall have the power to make examination of all applicants appearing before it as may be necessary to determine that the applicant is qualified. The said board shall also have the power to revoke or suspend any license issued by it, for cause, after having given the person whose license is sought to be revoked or suspended, an opportunity to be heard in the manner provided by section eight, article one, chapter thirty of this code. It shall have the power to reinstate any license revoked or suspended by it.

The said board is authorized and empowered to hold and conduct hearings and investigations on the issuance, sus-
pension, revocation or reinstatement of licenses and on charges of unauthorized practice of veterinary surgery, veterinary medicine or veterinary dentistry.

The said board shall have the power to hire, fix the compensation of, and discharge such employees as are necessary for the performance of the powers and duties vested in the said board by law and to expend such sums as the said board may deem necessary to carry out and enforce the provisions of this article.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

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Takes effect 90 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 5th day of March, 1959.

Governor