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HOUSE BILL No. 173

(By Mr. POINDEXTER ^{AND} MR. CASEY)



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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 appli-
2 cant for a veterinarian's license shall be a citizen of the
3 United States or shall have filed his first citizenship papers
4 to become such a citizen, and be a graduate of, and possess

5 a diploma from a veterinary college approved by the
6 American veterinary medical association. Any such per-
7 son shall be allowed to register as a veterinarian who shall
8 pass a satisfactory examination held by the examining
9 board, or any person shall be allowed to register as a
10 veterinarian who has practiced as a veterinarian in this
11 state for ten years or more before the passage of any law
12 by this state regulating such practice. The examination
13 of an applicant for registration as a veterinarian, a veteri-
14 nary surgeon, or veterinary dentist, shall cover all branch-
15 es pertaining to veterinary science, and shall be sufficient-
16 ly strict to test the qualifications of the applicant as a
17 practitioner.

Sec. 6. *Annual Renewal of Registration.*—Every veteri-
2 narian registered under any of the preceding sections, who
3 desires to continue in the practice of veterinary medicine,
4 veterinary surgery, or veterinary dentistry in West Vir-
5 ginia, shall annually, on or before the first day of July of
6 each year, pay to the secretary of the examining board a
7 renewal fee of not less than one dollar nor more than five
8 dollars as fixed by said board, upon receipt of which the

9 secretary of the examining board shall issue to him a re-
10 newal of such registration to practice veterinary medicine,
11 veterinary surgery, and veterinary dentistry in any of the
12 counties of this state.

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

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

16 The said board is authorized and empowered to hold and
17 conduct hearings and investigations on the issuance, sus-

18 pension, revocation or reinstatement of licenses and on
19 charges of unauthorized practice of veterinary surgery,
20 veterinary medicine or veterinary dentistry.

21 The said board shall have the power to hire, fix the
22 compensation of, and discharge such employees as are
23 necessary for the performance of the powers and duties
24 vested in the said board by law and to expend such sums
25 as the said board may deem necessary to carry out and
26 enforce the provisions of this article.

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

W. Jasper

Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker, House of Delegates

The within *approved* ----- this the *5th* -----

day of *March* -----, 1959.

D. Henderson

Governor

