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AN ACT to amend and reenact article ten, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the licensing of veterinarians, the regulation of veterinary medicine and to the West Virginia board of veterinary medicine; prescribing the powers and duties of such board; and providing penalties.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That article ten, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 10. VETERINARIANS.**

**§30-10-1. Definitions.**

Unless the context in which used, clearly requires a different meaning, as used in this article:

(a) "Animal" or "animals" means any animal or animals other than man, wild or domestic, living or dead, and includes fowls and birds.

(b) "Veterinary medicine" or the "practice of veterinary medicine" means, as the case may be:

(1) For a fee or other compensation, to diagnose, treat, correct, change, relieve or prevent any disease, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical or mental condition, of any animal, or to prescribe for or to administer to any animal any drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus, application, anesthetic, or other therapeutic or diagnostic substance or technique, or to render advice or any recommendation with respect to any of the foregoing;

(2) To represent, directly or indirectly, publicly or privately, an ability and willingness to do any act described in subparagraph (b) (1) above; or

(3) To use any title, words, abbreviation, or letters

20 in a manner or under circumstances inducing or tending  
21 to induce the belief that the person using them is qualified  
22 to do any act described in subparagraph (b) (1) above.

23 (c) "Veterinarian" means a person who has received a  
24 doctor's degree in veterinary medicine, or its equivalent,  
25 from a school of veterinary medicine.

26 (d) "Licensed veterinarian" means a veterinarian who  
27 is validly and currently licensed to practice veterinary  
28 medicine in this state.

29 (e) "School of veterinary medicine" means any veter-  
30 inary college or division of a university or college which  
31 offers the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine or its  
32 equivalent.

33 (f) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership,  
34 association, joint venture, cooperative or corporation, or  
35 any other group or combination acting in concert, and  
36 whether acting as principal, trustee, fiduciary, receiver,  
37 or as any other kind of legal or personal representative,  
38 or as the successor in interest, assignee, agent, factor,  
39 servant, employee, director, officer, or any other repre-  
40 sentative of any such person.

41 (g) "Board" means the West Virginia board of veter-  
42 inary medicine.

**§30-10-2. License or permit required; exceptions.**

No person may, for a fee or other compensation, practice  
2 veterinary medicine in this state without a license or a  
3 temporary permit issued by the board in accordance with  
4 the provisions of this article, which license or permit  
5 remains unexpired, unsuspended and unrevoked. This  
6 article shall, however, not be construed to prohibit:

7 (a) Any employee of the federal, state or local govern-  
8 ment from performing his official duties, as defined by his  
9 employing agency;

10 (b) Any person who is a regular student in a veter-  
11 inary school from performing research assigned by his  
12 instructors, or from working under the direct supervision  
13 of a licensed veterinarian during a school vacation period;

14 (c) Any person from advising with respect to or per-  
15 forming acts which the board has prescribed as accepted  
16 livestock management practices;

17 (d) Any veterinarian regularly licensed in another  
18 state from consulting with a licensed veterinarian in this  
19 state;

20 (e) The owner of an animal, the owner's employees, or  
21 persons assisting the owner without any fee or compen-  
22 sation, from caring for and treating such animal, except  
23 where the ownership of such animal was transferred for  
24 the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this  
25 article;

26 (f) Any member of the faculty of a veterinary school  
27 from performing his regular functions, or any person from  
28 lecturing, or giving instructions or demonstrations, at a  
29 veterinary school or in connection with a continuing  
30 education course or seminar;

31 (g) Any person from selling or applying any pesticide,  
32 insecticide, or herbicide;

33 (h) Any person from engaging in bona fide scientific  
34 research which reasonably requires experimentation in-  
35 volving animals; or

36 (i) Any person from engaging in bona fide scientific  
37 research in consultation with a licensed veterinarian in  
38 this state.

39 (j) The treatment or relief of any living animal in the  
40 case of an emergency or the disposal of the carcass of a  
41 dead animal.

42 (k) Any person, with reference to domestic animals,  
43 from performing the simple operation of castrating, spay-  
44 ing, dehorning, or from the use of blackleg vaccine and  
45 hog cholera serum, or, in case the services of a licensed  
46 veterinarian cannot be had within a reasonable time or  
47 at a reasonable cost, from performing any of the services  
48 described in section one of this article as "Veterinary  
49 Medicine" or "Practice of Veterinary Medicine": *Pro-*  
50 *vided, however,* That such person has been regularly per-  
51 forming such services for a period of not less than ten  
52 years.

§30-10-3. West Virginia board of veterinary medicine; com-  
position; qualifications for appointment; compensation  
and expenses; meetings; officers; fund.

The "West Virginia Veterinary Board", heretofore  
2 created, shall continue in existence but on and after the  
3 effective date of this article shall be known and designated  
4 as "The West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine",  
5 and shall consist of five members, not more than three  
6 of whom shall belong to the same political party to be  
7 appointed by the governor with the advice and consent

8 of the Senate. The three members of the board in office  
9 on the effective date of this article shall, unless sooner  
10 removed, continue to serve until their terms expire and  
11 until their successors have been appointed and have  
12 qualified. On or before July one, one thousand nine  
13 hundred sixty-seven, the governor shall appoint one mem-  
14 ber to serve until June thirty, one thousand nine hun-  
15 dred sixty-eight and one member to serve until June  
16 thirty, one thousand nine hundred seventy, or until their  
17 successors have been appointed and have qualified. As  
18 the terms of the three members of the board in office  
19 on the effective date of this article expire and as the terms  
20 of the two members to be appointed by the governor on  
21 or before July one, one thousand nine hundred sixty-  
22 seven expire, members shall be appointed for overlapping  
23 terms of five years, so that one term expires each year,  
24 or until their successors have been appointed and have  
25 qualified. Any vacancy in the office of a member of the  
26 board shall be filled by appointment by the governor for  
27 the unexpired term of the member whose office shall be  
28 vacant. No person shall be appointed to two consecutive



29 full terms, but a person appointed for a term of less  
30 than five years may be appointed to succeed himself. The  
31 governor may remove any member of the board for  
32 neglect of duty or other sufficient cause.

33 No person shall be appointed to the board unless he be  
34 a graduate of a veterinary school and a resident of this  
35 state, and unless he shall have been licensed to practice  
36 veterinary medicine in this state for at least three years  
37 immediately preceding his appointment.

38 As compensation for his services on the board, each  
39 member shall receive, out of the moneys collected here-  
40 under, the sum of twenty-five dollars for each day or sub-  
41 stantial portion thereof that he is engaged in the work of  
42 the board. Each member shall also be entitled to be reim-  
43 bursed, out of the moneys collected hereunder, for any  
44 reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred in  
45 the discharge of his duties as a member of the board.

46 The board shall meet at least once each year, the time  
47 and place of such meeting to be fixed by the board, and  
48 at such annual meeting shall elect from its membership  
49 a president, a secretary-treasurer and such other officers

50 as may be desired. Other meetings of the board may be  
51 called by the president on such notice to the other mem-  
52 bers as may be prescribed by the board. A majority of  
53 the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction  
54 of the business of the board. All meetings of the board  
55 shall be open and public, except that the board may meet  
56 in closed session to prepare, approve, administer, or grade  
57 examinations, to deliberate decisions to be reached on  
58 disciplinary proceedings, or to review the qualifications  
59 of an applicant for a license.

60 It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to carry  
61 on the correspondence of the board, keep permanent ac-  
62 counts and records of all receipts and disbursements by  
63 the board and of all board proceedings, including the dis-  
64 position of all applications for license, and keep a register  
65 of all persons currently licensed by the board. All board  
66 records, except as otherwise provided by law, shall be  
67 open to public inspection during regular office hours. The  
68 secretary-treasurer shall furnish to the board a fidelity  
69 surety bond in such sum and conditioned as the board

70 may require, the cost of such bond to be paid by the board  
71 out of the moneys collected hereunder.

72 As soon as possible after the close of each fiscal year,  
73 the president and secretary-treasurer shall submit to the  
74 the governor a report on the transactions of the board,  
75 including an accounting of all moneys received and dis-  
76 bursed.

77 All moneys received by the board shall be accepted by  
78 the secretary-treasurer and deposited by him with the  
79 treasurer of the state and credited by the treasurer to an  
80 account to be known as the "Board of Veterinary  
81 Medicine Fund". All expenses of the board shall be paid  
82 from such fund by voucher signed by the secretary-  
83 treasurer of the board, and no part of the state's general  
84 revenue fund shall be expended for this purpose.

**§30-10-4. Powers of the board.**

The board shall have the power to:

- 2 (a) Examine and determine the qualifications and fit-  
3 ness of any applicant for a license to practice veterinary  
4 medicine in this state;
- 5 (b) Issue, renew, deny, suspend or revoke licenses and

6 temporary permits to practice veterinary medicine in  
7 this state or otherwise discipline licensed veterinarians  
8 consistent with the provisions of this article and reason-  
9 able rules and regulations promulgated by the board as  
10 specified in subparagraphs (i) of this section;

11 (c) Establish and publish annually a schedule of rea-  
12 sonable fees for the licensing and registration of veteri-  
13 narians, such fee schedule to be based on the board's  
14 anticipated financial requirements for the year;

15 (d) Conduct investigations for the purpose of discov-  
16 ering violations of this article or grounds for disciplining  
17 licensed veterinarians;

18 (e) Hold hearings as specified in section twelve of this  
19 article;

20 (f) Employ such full-time or part-time professional,  
21 clerical or special personnel as may be necessary to ef-  
22 fectuate the provisions of this article, and purchase or  
23 rent necessary office space, equipment and supplies;

24 (g) Appoint from its own membership one or more  
25 members to act as an official representative or represen-  
26 tatives of the board at any meeting within or without this  
27 state where such representation is deemed desirable;

28 (h) Institute appropriate court proceedings for the  
29 enforcement of the provisions of this article or any rea-  
30 sonable rules and regulations of the board promulgated  
31 as specified in subparagraph (i) of this section; and

32 (i) Promulgate, amend or repeal reasonable rules and  
33 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter  
34 twenty-nine-a of this code, to implement the provisions  
35 of this article, including rules and regulations establishing  
36 standards of professional conduct for the practice of  
37 veterinary medicine.

38 The powers enumerated above are granted for the pur-  
39 pose of enabling the board to effectively supervise the  
40 practice of veterinary medicine, and are to be construed  
41 liberally to accomplish this objective.

**§30-10-5. Status of persons previously licensed.**

Any person holding a valid license to practice veteri-  
2 nary medicine in this state on the date this article be-  
3 comes effective shall be recognized as a licensed veteri-  
4 narian and shall be entitled to retain this status so long  
5 as he complies with the provisions of this article, includ-  
6 ing annual renewal of his license to practice veterinary

7 medicine, and his license is not suspended or revoked  
8 in accordance with the provisions of this article.

**§30-10-6. Application for license; qualifications; action thereon.**

Any resident of this state desiring a license to practice  
2 veterinary medicine in this state shall make written ap-  
3 plication therefor to the board. The application shall  
4 show that the applicant is (1) either a graduate of a  
5 school of veterinary medicine accredited by the American  
6 veterinary medical association or a graduate of a foreign  
7 veterinary school who holds a certificate of competence  
8 issued by the educational commission for foreign veteri-  
9 nary graduates, (2) twenty-one years of age or over, (3)  
10 a citizen of the United States or an applicant for citizen-  
11 ship, and (4) a person of good moral character, and shall  
12 contain such other information and proof as the board  
13 may require by reasonable rules and regulations promul-  
14 gated as aforesaid. The application shall be accompanied  
15 by the appropriate fee specified in the fee schedule estab-  
16 lished and published by the board.

17 If the board determines that an applicant possesses the  
18 proper qualifications, it shall admit the applicant to the

19 next examination, or if the applicant is eligible for a  
20 license without examination under the provisions of  
21 section eight of this article, the board may forthwith  
22 grant him a license. If an applicant is found not quali-  
23 fied to take the examination or for a license without  
24 examination, the secretary-treasurer shall immediately  
25 notify the applicant in writing of such finding and the  
26 grounds therefor. An applicant found not qualified may  
27 demand a hearing on the question of his qualifications  
28 in accordance with the provisions of section twelve of  
29 this article. The application fee of any applicant found  
30 not qualified shall be returned to such applicant.

**§30-10-7. Examinations; issuance or denial of license.**

The board shall hold at least one examination during  
2 each year and may hold such additional examinations as  
3 are necessary. The secretary-treasurer shall give public  
4 notice of the time and place of each examination at least  
5 one hundred twenty days in advance of the date set for  
6 such examination. A person desiring to take an exami-  
7 nation shall make application for a license at least sixty  
8 days before the date of such examination.

9 Procedures concerning the preparation, administration  
10 and grading of examinations shall be prescribed by the  
11 board. Examinations shall be designed to test the exami-  
12 nee's knowledge of and proficiency in the subjects and  
13 techniques commonly taught in veterinary schools. To  
14 pass the examination, the examinee must demonstrate  
15 scientific and practical knowledge sufficient to prove him-  
16 self a competent person to practice veterinary medicine  
17 in the judgment of the board. All examinees shall be  
18 tested by a written examination, supplemented by such  
19 oral interviews and practical demonstrations as the board  
20 may deem necessary. The board may adopt and use the  
21 examination prepared by the national board of veterinary  
22 examiners.

23 The secretary-treasurer shall notify each examinee of  
24 the result of his examination within forty-five days there-  
25 after, and the board shall issue a license to each person  
26 who passes the examination. The application for a license  
27 by any person failing an examination shall be denied, but  
28 such person shall be admitted to any subsequent exami-  
29 nation upon payment of another application fee.



**§30-10-8. License without examination.**

(a) The board may issue a license without written  
2 examination, and, subject to the provisions of subsection  
3 (b) of this section, without any type of examination, to  
4 a qualified applicant who is a resident of this state and  
5 furnishes satisfactory proof that he is a graduate of a  
6 veterinary school and who:

7 (1) Has for the five years next prior to filing his  
8 application been a practicing veterinarian licensed in a  
9 state, territory, or district of the United States whose  
10 license requirements, at the time the applicant was first  
11 licensed, were substantially equivalent to the require-  
12 ments of this article; or

13 (2) Has within the three years next prior to filing  
14 his application successfully completed an examination  
15 conducted by the national board of veterinary examiners.

16 (b) In its discretion, the board may orally or prac-  
17 tically examine any person qualifying for licensing under  
18 this section, and may enter into agreements for reciprocal  
19 licensing with other jurisdictions having substantially  
20 similar requirements for licensure.

**§30-10-9. Temporary permits.**

The board may issue without examination a temporary  
2 permit to practice veterinary medicine in this state:

3 (a) To a qualified applicant for license pending exami-  
4 nation: *Provided*, That such temporary permit shall ex-  
5 pire the day after the giving of notice of the results of  
6 the first examination held after the permit is issued; or

7 (b) To a nonresident veterinarian validly licensed in  
8 another state, territory, or district of the United States  
9 or a foreign country who pays the registration fee speci-  
10 fied in the fee schedule established and published by the  
11 board. A temporary permit shall not be issued to a non-  
12 resident veterinarian for a period of more than sixty  
13 days, but may be renewed in the discretion of the board.  
14 A temporary permit may be summarily revoked by  
15 majority vote of the board without a hearing.

**§3-10-10. License renewal.**

All licenses shall expire annually on December thirty-  
2 one of each year, but may be renewed upon payment of  
3 the renewal fee specified in the fee schedule established  
4 and published by the board. On December one of each

5 year, the secretary-treasurer shall mail a notice to each  
6 licensed veterinarian advising such veterinarian that his  
7 license will expire on December thirty-one and shall  
8 provide him with a form for renewal thereof. The sec-  
9 retary-treasurer shall issue a certificate of renewal to  
10 all persons renewing their licenses under the provisions  
11 of this section.

12 Any person may renew an expired license within five  
13 years of the date of its expiration by making written  
14 application for renewal and paying the current renewal  
15 fee plus all delinquent renewal fees. After five years have  
16 elapsed from and after the date of expiration, a license  
17 may not be renewed, but the former licensee must make  
18 application for a new license and take and pass the li-  
19 cense examination.

20 The board may by rules and regulations provide for the  
21 waiving of the renewal fee of a licensed veterinarian dur-  
22 ing the period when he is on active duty with any branch  
23 of the armed services or the public health service of the  
24 United States, not to exceed the longer of three years  
25 or the duration of a national emergency.

**§30-10-11. Complaints.**

Upon the filing with the board by any person of a  
 2 verified written complaint against a licensed veterinarian,  
 3 the board shall notify such veterinarian in writing of the  
 4 filing of such complaint and shall proceed to hold a hear-  
 5 ing thereon as specified in section twelve of this article.

**§30-10-12. Hearings; administrative procedures act made applic-  
 cable; grounds for disciplinary action.**

Whenever an application for a license is denied, the  
 2 applicant therefor may file with the board, within thirty  
 3 days after notification of such denial, a written demand  
 4 for a hearing before the board, in which case a hearing  
 5 shall be held not less than ten days nor more than twenty  
 6 days after receipt by the board of such demand. When-  
 7 ever a licensed veterinarian is notified by the board, in  
 8 accordance with the provisions of section eleven of this  
 9 article, that a complaint has been filed against him, a hear-  
 10 ing with respect thereto shall be held by the board not  
 11 less than twenty days nor more than thirty days after  
 12 such notification to such licensee.

13 All of the pertinent provisions of article five, chapter

14 twenty-nine-a of this code shall apply to and govern any  
15 such hearing and the administrative procedures in con-  
16 nection with and following such hearing, with like effect  
17 as if the provisions of said article five were set forth in  
18 extenso in this section.

19 Any such hearing shall be conducted by a quorum of  
20 the board. For the purpose of conducting any such hear-  
21 ing, any member of the board shall have the power and  
22 authority to issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum  
23 in the name of the board, in accordance with the provi-  
24 sions of section one, article five, chapter twenty-nine-a  
25 of this code. All subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum  
26 shall be issued and served within the time and for the  
27 fees and shall be enforced, as specified in section one,  
28 article five of said chapter twenty-nine-a, and all of the  
29 said section one provisions dealing with subpoenas and  
30 subpoenas duces tecum shall apply to subpoenas and sub-  
31 poenas duces tecum issued for the purpose of a hearing  
32 hereunder.

33 The board may postpone or continue any hearing on its  
34 own motion, or for good cause shown upon the application

35 of the applicant or licensee, as the case may be. At any  
 36 such hearing the applicant or licensee, as the case may be,  
 37 shall have the right to be heard in person and by any at-  
 38 torney at law admitted to practice before any circuit court  
 39 of this state.

40 After any such hearing and consideration of all of the  
 41 testimony, evidence and record in the case, the board  
 42 shall render its decision in writing. By a concurrence of  
 43 four members, the board may suspend for a certain time  
 44 or revoke the license of, or otherwise discipline, any  
 45 licensed veterinarian for any of the following reasons:

- 46 (a) The employment of fraud, misrepresentation or  
 47 deception in obtaining his license;
- 48 (b) An adjudication of insanity;
- 49 (c) Chronic inebriety or the habitual use of drugs;
- 50 (d) The use of advertising or solicitation which is false,  
 51 misleading, or is otherwise deemed unprofessional under  
 52 reasonable rules and regulations promulgated by the  
 53 board as aforesaid;
- 54 (e) Conviction of a felony or other crime involving  
 55 moral turpitude;

- 56 (f) Incompetence, gross negligence or other malprac-  
57 tice in the practice of veterinary medicine;
- 58 (g) Having professional association with or employing  
59 any person practicing veterinary medicine unlawfully;
- 60 (h) Fraud or dishonesty in the application or reporting  
61 of any test for disease in any animal or animals;
- 62 (i) Failure to keep veterinary premises and equipment  
63 in a clean and sanitary condition;
- 64 (j) Failure to report, as required by law, or making  
65 false report of, any contagious or infectious disease;
- 66 (k) Dishonesty or gross negligence in the inspection of  
67 foodstuffs or the issuance of health or inspection cer-  
68 tificates;
- 69 (l) Cruelty to animals;
- 70 (m) Revocation of a license to practice veterinary  
71 medicine by another state, territory or district of the  
72 United States on grounds other than nonpayment of any  
73 registration or license fee or fees; or
- 74 (n) Unprofessional conduct as defined in reasonable  
75 rules and regulations promulgated by the board as afore-  
76 said.

77 The written decision of the board shall be accompanied  
 78 by findings of fact and conclusions of law as specified in  
 79 section three, article five, chapter twenty-nine-a of this  
 80 code, and a copy of such decision and accompanying find-  
 81 ings and conclusions shall be served upon the applicant or  
 82 licensee, as the case may be, and his attorney of record,  
 83 if any.

84 The decision of the board shall be final unless vacated  
 85 or modified upon judicial review thereof in accordance  
 86 with the provisions of section thirteen of this article.

**§30-10-13. Judicial review.**

Any applicant or licensee, as the case may be, adversely  
 2 affected by a decision of the board rendered after a hear-  
 3 ing held in accordance with the provisions of section  
 4 twelve of this article is entitled to judicial review thereof.  
 5 All of the pertinent provisions of section four, article five,  
 6 chapter twenty-nine-a of this code shall apply to and  
 7 govern such review with like effect as if the provisions  
 8 of said section four were set forth in extenso in this  
 9 section.

10 The judgment of the circuit court shall be final unless



11 reversed, vacated or modified on appeal to the supreme  
12 court of appeals in accordance with the provisions of  
13 section one, article six, chapter twenty-nine-a of this  
14 code.

15 Legal counsel and services for the board in all appeal  
16 proceedings in any circuit court and the supreme court  
17 of appeals shall be provided by the attorney general or  
18 his assistants, and in appeal proceedings in any circuit  
19 court by the prosecuting attorney of the county as well,  
20 all without additional compensation.

**§30-10-14. Reinstatement or relicensing.**

Any person whose license is suspended or revoked  
2 may in the discretion of the board be reinstated or re-  
3 licensed at any time without examination by majority  
4 vote of the board on written application made to the  
5 board showing cause justifying such reinstatement or  
6 relicensing.

**§30-10-15. Actions to enjoin violations.**

Whenever it appears to the board that any person has  
2 been or is violating or is about to violate any provision  
3 of this article or any final decision of the board, the board

4 may apply in the name of the state, to the circuit court  
 5 of the county in which the violation or violations or any  
 6 part thereof has occurred, is occurring or is about to  
 7 occur, or the judge thereof in vacation, for an injunction  
 8 against such person and any other person who have been,  
 9 are or are about to be, involved in any practices, acts  
 10 or omissions, so in violation, enjoining such person or  
 11 persons from any such violation or violations. Such  
 12 application may be made and prosecuted to conclusion  
 13 whether or not any such violation or violations have  
 14 resulted or shall result in prosecution or conviction under  
 15 the provisions of section sixteen of this article.

16 Upon application by the board, the circuit courts of  
 17 this state may by mandatory or prohibitory injunction  
 18 compel compliance with the provisions of this article and  
 19 all final decisions of the board. The court may issue a  
 20 temporary injunction in any case pending a decision on  
 21 the merits of any application filed.

22 The judgment of the circuit court upon any application  
 23 permitted by the provisions of this section shall be final  
 24 unless reversed, vacated or modified on appeal to the

25 supreme court of appeals. Any such appeal shall be  
26 sought in the manner and within the time provided by  
27 law for appeals from circuit courts in other civil cases.

28 The board shall be represented in all such proceedings  
29 by the attorney general or his assistants and in such  
30 proceedings in the circuit courts by the prosecuting at-  
31 torneys of the several counties as well, all without addi-  
32 tional compensation.

**§30-10-16. Penalties.**

Any person who shall in this state practice veterinary  
2 medicine without a currently valid license or temporary  
3 permit shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon con-  
4 viction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than  
5 fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or by  
6 imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or both by  
7 such fine and imprisonment. Each act of such unlawful  
8 practice shall constitute a distinct and separate offense.

**§30-10-17. Severability.**

If any provision of this article or the application thereof  
2 to any person or circumstance is held unconstitutional or  
3 invalid, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not

4 affect other provisions or applications of the article, and  
5 to this end the provisions of this article are declared to be  
6 severable.

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

William Tempas  
Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton C. Davidson  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect July 1, 1967.

Howard Meyer  
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Howard W. Corso  
President of the Senate

H. Laban White  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 17  
day of March, 1967.

Huette C. Smith  
Governor

**PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR**

Date 3/17/67

Time 3:45 P.M.