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(By Mr. Colpin_________)

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Senate Bill No. 11

(By Mr. Galperin)

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AN ACT to amend chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated article twenty-four, relating to professions and occupations; relating to qualification of certain armed forces health technicians for certain civilian health occupations; setting forth certain legislative findings and a rule of construction; relating to the qualification of certain veterans for examination for license as registered professional nurses; relating to the qualification of certain veterans for examination for license as licensed practical nurses; relating to the qualification of certain veterans for examination for license as dental hygienists; relating to the qualifications of certain veterans for examination for license as licensed physical therapists; relating to the qualification of certain veterans for examination for registration as professional sanitarians; relating to the West Virginia board of examiners for registered professional nurses, the West Virginia state board of examiners for licensed practical nurses, the West Virginia board of dental examiners, the West Virginia board of examiners and registration of physical therapists and the West Virginia board of sanitarians; and requiring each such board to keep certain records and make annual reports to the Legislature.

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

ARTICLE 24. QUALIFICATION OF ARMED FORCES HEALTH TECHNICIANS FOR CIVILIAN HEALTH OCCUPATIONS.
§30-24-1. Legislative findings; rule of construction.

The Legislature hereby finds and declares that there are many veterans returning to civilian life from active duty in the armed forces who had extensive academic training and experience while in the armed forces in various health occupations; that in many instances, the level of academic training and experience is equal to or exceeds that received by a student studying and training for a similar health occupation in civilian life; that such veterans should not be required to undergo further educational training or obtain additional experience in civilian life before being eligible for examination for licensing or registration in a comparable civilian health occupation; that in the public interest, however, it is necessary that the competency of such veterans be determined and evaluated by examination before they are so licensed or registered; and that certain academic training and experience of such veterans in the armed forces should be sufficient to permit such examination or examinations as may be required for the licensing or registration as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, dental hygienist, professional sanitarian or physical therapist. This article is enacted in view of these findings and shall be liberally construed in the light thereof.

§30-24-2. Qualification for examination for license as a registered professional nurse.

Any person who has served on active duty in the medical corps of any of the armed forces of the United States and who has successfully completed the course of instruction required to qualify him for rating as a medical specialist advanced, medical service technician or advanced hospital corpsman technician, or other equivalent rating in his particular branch of the armed forces, and whose service in the armed forces was under honorable conditions, may submit to the West Virginia board of examiners for registered professional nurses, a photostatic copy of the certificate issued to him certifying successful completion of such course of instruction, a photostatic copy of his discharge from the armed forces, an application for a license as a registered professional nurse and the prescribed license fee.

If the certificate and discharge, as evidenced by the photostatic copies thereof, the application and prescribed
license fee are in order, and if the veteran meets all of the requirements of article seven of this chapter, except the requirement therein specified requiring an applicant to have completed an accredited program of registered professional nursing education and to hold a diploma from a school accredited by such board, the veteran shall be permitted, notwithstanding any provision of said article seven to the contrary, to take the same examination or examinations as are required under section six of said article seven for applicants who do not apply for a license under the provisions of this article twenty-four. If the veteran passes such examination or examinations, he shall be licensed as a registered professional nurse, and such veteran shall thereafter be subject to all of the provisions of said article seven. If the veteran does not pass such examination or examinations, the provisions of said article seven relating to reexaminations shall apply to such veteran the same as they apply to a person who does not apply for a license under the provisions of this article twenty-four.

§30-24-3. Qualification for examination for license as a licensed practical nurse.

Any person who has served on active duty in the medical corps of any of the armed forces of the United States and who has successfully completed the course of instruction required to qualify him for rating as a medical specialist advanced, medical service technician, advanced hospital corpsman technician, medical corpsman, medical service specialist or class A hospital corpsman, or other equivalent rating in his particular branch of the armed forces, and whose service in the armed forces was under honorable conditions, may submit to the West Virginia state board of examiners for licensed practical nurses, a photostatic copy of the certificate issued to him certifying successful completion of such course of instruction, a photostatic copy of his discharge from the armed forces, an application for license as a licensed practical nurse and the prescribed fee.

If the certificate and discharge, as evidenced by the photostatic copies thereof, the application and prescribed fee are in order, and if the veteran meets all of the requirements of article seven-a of this chapter, except the requirements therein specified requiring an applicant to have completed a course of study in an accredited school
for practical nurses as defined by such board, to hold a
diploma therefrom and to have completed such other gen-
eral educational requirements as may be prescribed by
such board, the veteran shall be permitted, notwithstanding
any provision of said article seven-a to the contrary, to
take the same examination or examinations as are required
under section six of said article seven-a for applicants who
do not apply for a license under the provisions of this
article twenty-four. If the veteran passes such examination
or examinations, he shall be licensed as a licensed practical
nurse, and such veteran shall thereafter be subject to all of
the provisions of said article seven-a. If the veteran does
not pass such examination or examinations, the provisions
of said article seven-a relating to reexaminations (by cross-
reference to section six, article one of this chapter) shall
apply to such veteran the same as they apply to a person
who does not apply for a license under the provisions of
this article twenty-four.

§30-24-4. Qualification for examination for license as a
dental hygienist.

Any person who has served on active duty in the medical
corps of any of the armed forces of the United States and
who has successfully completed the course of instruction
required to qualify him for rating as a dental specialist,
preventive dentistry technician or dental technician class A
dental technician school, or other equivalent rating in his
particular branch of the armed forces, and whose service in
the armed forces was under honorable conditions, may sub-
mit to the West Virginia board of dental examiners, a photo-
static copy of the certificate issued to him certifying suc-
cessful completion of such course of instruction, a photostatic
copy of his discharge from the armed forces, an application
for license as a dental hygienist and the prescribed fee.

If the certificate and discharge, as evidenced by the photo-
static copies thereof, the application and prescribed fee are
in order, and if the veteran meets all of the requirements of
article four of this chapter, except the requirement therein
specified requiring an applicant to be a graduate of and
possess an acceptable diploma in dental hygiene from a
school having a course in dental hygiene approved by such
board, the veteran shall be permitted, notwithstanding any
provision of said article four to the contrary, to take the
same examination or examinations as are required under
section fourteen of said article four for applicants who do
not apply for a license under the provisions of this article
twenty-four. If the veteran passes such examination or ex-
aminations, he shall be licensed as a dental hygienist, and
such veteran shall thereafter be subject to all of the pro-
visions of said article four relating to dental hygienists. If
the veteran does not pass such examination or examinations,
the provisions of said article four relating to reexaminations
shall apply to such veteran the same as they apply to a
person who does not apply for a license under the provi-
sions of this article twenty-four.

§30-24-5. Qualification for examination for registration as a
sanitarian.

Any person who has served on active duty in the medical
corps of any of the armed forces of the United States and
who has successfully completed the course of instruction re-
quired to qualify him for rating as a food inspection special-
ist or a preventive medical specialist, or other equivalent
rating in his particular branch of the armed forces, and
whose service in the armed forces was under honorable con-
ditions, may submit to the West Virginia board of sanitari-
ans, a photostatic copy of the certificate issued to him
certifying successful completion of such course of instruction,
a photostatic copy of his discharge from the armed forces,
an application for registration as a professional sanitarian
and the prescribed registration fee.

If the certificate and discharge, as evidenced by the photo-
static copies thereof, the application and prescribed registra-
tion fee are in order, and if the veteran meets all of the
requirements of article seventeen of this chapter, except the
educational and probationary employment requirements
therein specified, the veteran shall be permitted, notwith-
standing any provision of said article seventeen to the
 contrary, to take the same examination as is required under
subdivision (1), section five of said article seventeen for
applicants who do not apply for registration under the
provisions of this article twenty-four. If the veteran passes
such examination, he shall be registered as a professional
sanitarian, and such veteran shall thereafter be subject to
all of the provisions of said article seventeen.
§30-24-6. Qualification for examination for license as a licensed physical therapist.

Any person who has served on active duty in the medical corps of any of the armed forces of the United States and who has successfully completed the course of instruction required to qualify him for rating as a physical therapy specialist, physical and occupational therapy technician, physical therapy technician, or physical therapy specialist (semi-skilled), or other equivalent rating in his particular branch of the armed forces, and whose service in the armed forces was under honorable conditions, may submit to the West Virginia board of examiners and registration of physical therapists, a photostatic copy of the certificate issued to him certifying successful completion of such course of instruction, a photostatic copy of his discharge from the armed forces, an application for a license as a licensed physical therapist and the prescribed license fee.

If the certificate and discharge, as evidenced by the photostatic copies thereof, the application and prescribed license fee are in order, and if the veteran meets all of the requirements of article twenty of this chapter, except the requirement therein specified requiring an applicant to be a graduate of a school of physical therapy approved by the American Physical Therapy Association and the board, the veteran shall be permitted, notwithstanding any provision of said article twenty to the contrary, to take the same examination or examinations as are required under section five of said article twenty for applicants who do not apply for a license under the provisions of this article twenty-four. If the veteran passes such examination or examinations, he shall be licensed as a licensed physical therapist, and such veteran shall thereafter be subject to all of the provisions of said article twenty. If the veteran does not pass such examination or examinations, any provisions of said article twenty relating to reexaminations shall apply to such veteran the same as they apply to a person who does not apply for a license under the provisions of this article twenty-four.

§30-24-7. Records required to be kept; reports to Legislature.

Each board referred to in the preceding sections of this article shall prepare and maintain records as to (1) the number of veterans who apply to such boards for license or registration under the provisions of this article and the per-
centage thereof who pass the required examination or ex-
aminations; and (2) the number of persons who apply to
such boards for license other than under the provisions of
this article and the percentage thereof who pass the re-
quired examination or examinations. Each such board shall
render a report to the Legislature each year, during the first
ten days of each regular session thereof, collating and sum-
marizing the information contained in such records.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect from passage.

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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 ........................................ this the 13th day of .........., 1973.

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Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 4/10/73
Time 10:35 a.m.