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Committee Substitute for
SENATE BILL NO. 51

(By Mr. Steptoe)

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
Senate Bill No. 31
(By Mr. Steptoe, original sponsor)

[Passed March 6, 1981; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article two, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to abolishing the diploma privilege for graduates of the college of law of West Virginia University.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one, article two, 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 2. ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

§30-2-1. Certificate of good moral character; examination of applicants for license; licenses.

Any person desiring to obtain a license to practice law in the courts of this state shall appear before the circuit court of the county in which he has resided for the last preceding year and prove to the satisfaction of the court, or to the satisfaction of a committee of three attorneys practicing before the court, appointed by the court, that he is a person of good moral character, that he is eighteen years of age, and that he has resided in such county for one year next preceding the date of his appearance; and upon the presentation of such proof, the court shall enter an order on its record accordingly. The supreme court of appeals shall prescribe and publish rules
and regulations for the examination of all applicants for
admission to practice law, which shall include the period
of study and degree of preparation required of applicants
previous to being admitted, as well as the method of
examinations, whether by the court or otherwise. And the
supreme court of appeals may, upon the production of a
duly certified copy of the order of the circuit court, here-
inbefore mentioned, and upon being satisfied that the
applicant has shown, upon an examination conducted in
accordance with such rules and regulations, that he is
qualified to practice law in the courts of this state, and
upon being further satisfied that such rules and regula-
tions have been complied with in all respects, grant
such applicant a license to practice law in the courts of
this state, and such license shall show upon its face that
all the provisions of this section and of the said rules
have been complied with: Provided, That any person who
shall produce a duly certified copy of such order of the
circuit court, and also a diploma of graduation from the
college of law of West Virginia University reflecting a
date of graduation prior to the first day of July, one
thousand nine hundred eighty-three, shall, upon presen-
tation thereof in any of the courts of this state, be en-
titled to practice in any and all courts of this state, and
the order so admitting him shall state the facts pertaining
to the same.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take 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 is approved this the 20th day of March, 1981.

Governor