WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
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SENATE BILL NO. 177

(By Senators Hickman, Turner)

PASSED April 6, 1989

In Effect 90 days from Passage
AN ACT to amend article five, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section three-a, relating to pharmacists; and requiring annual completion of accredited program of continuing professional education.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article five, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section three-a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. PHARMACISTS, ASSISTANT PHARMACISTS AND DRUGSTORES.

§30-5-3a. Legislative finding; continuing professional education required.

1 The Legislature finds and declares that because of the continuous introduction of new therapeutic and diagnostic agents and the changing concepts in the delivery of health care services in the practice of pharmacy, it is essential that a pharmacist undertake a continuing education program in order to maintain his or her professional competency and improve his or
her professional skills. To assure the continued competency of the pharmacist and to maintain uniform qualifications and licensure in the profession of pharmacy for the protection of the health and welfare of its citizens, the West Virginia Legislature deems it in the public interest to adopt a continuing professional education program for pharmacists.

Beginning the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety, no annual renewal license may be issued to a pharmacist until such pharmacist has submitted proof to the board of pharmacy that he or she has satisfactorily completed an accredited program of continuing professional education during the previous year to help assure his or her continued competence to engage in the practice of pharmacy. The board shall from time to time determine the amount of continuing education to be required.

The board shall promulgate rules pursuant to the provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a of this code required to carry out the stated objectives and purpose of this section.
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.

In 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 approved this the 24th day of April, 1999.

Governor