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House Bill No. 4627

(By Delegates Iaquinta, Kuhn, Swartzmiller, Paxton, Poling, Tucker and Smirl)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact §9A-1-4 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to duties and functions of veterans’ council; honoring academic achievement of West Virginians at military academies.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §9A-1-4 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

§9A-1-4. Duties and functions of veterans’ council; appointment of director; term of office; removal; honoring academic achievement at military academies.

(a) It is the duty and function of the veterans’ council to advise the director on the general administrative policies of the division, to select, at their first meeting in each fiscal year commencing on the first day of July, a chairman to serve one
year, to advise the director on rules as may be necessary, to
advise the governor and the Legislature with respect to legisla-
tion affecting the interests of veterans, their widows, depend-
ents and orphans and to make annual reports to the governor
respecting the service of the division. The director has the same
eligibility and qualifications prescribed for members of the
veterans’ council. The governor shall appoint a director for a
term of six years, by and with the advice and consent of the
Senate. Before making the appointment, the governor shall
request the council of the West Virginia division of veterans’
affairs to furnish a full and complete report concerning the
qualifications and suitability of the proposed appointee. The
director may only be removed by the governor for cause, but
shall have upon his or her own request an open hearing before
the governor on the complaints or charges lodged against him
or her. The action of the governor shall be final. The director ex
officio shall be the executive secretary of the veterans’ council,
keep the minutes of each meeting and be in charge of all
records of the division.

(b) The veterans’ council may annually honor each West
Virginian graduating from the U. S. Military Academy, the U.S.
Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S.
Coast Guard Academy with the highest grade point average by
bestowing upon him or her the “West Augusta Award”. The
award shall be in a design and form established by the council
and include the famous Revolutionary War phrase from which
the award’s name is derived: “Once again our brethren from
West Augusta have answered the call to duty.” The council
shall coordinate the manner of recognition of the recipient at
graduation ceremonies with each academy.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee  
Greg Butcher
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate  
Darrell Cochran

Clerk of the House of Delegates  

President of the Senate  

Speaker of the House of Delegates  

The within is approved this the 2nd day of April, 2004.

Governor  
Bob Riley