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FOR
House Bill No. 4495

(By Delegates Martin, DeLong, Armstead, Morgan, Higgins, Hatfield, Stephens, Perdue, Hrutkay, Border and Reynolds)

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Passed March 8, 2008

In Effect Ninety Days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact §30-7-10 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §30-7A-2 of said code, all relating to limiting the use of the titles of nurses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §30-7-10 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted; that §30-7A-2 of said code be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 7. REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES.

§30-7-10. Use of titles.
Any person licensed pursuant to this article may use the title "registered nurse" and the abbreviation "R.N." or the term "nurse". Except as otherwise provided in article seven-a of this chapter, no other person may assume a title or use abbreviations or any other words, letters, figures, signs, or devices to indicate that the person using the same is a registered professional nurse.

ARTICLE 7A. PRACTICAL NURSES.

§30-7A-2. Use of titles.

(a) Any person licensed pursuant to this article may use the title "licensed practical nurse," "practical nurse" and the abbreviation "L.P.N" or the term "nurse". Except as otherwise provided in article seven of this chapter, no other person may assume such title, or use such abbreviation, or any other words, letters, figures, signs, or devices to indicate that the person using the same is a licensed practical nurse or a practical nurse.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 30th day of December, 2008.

Governor