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1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §30-1-7a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to continuing education requirements; establishing requirements for initial license;  
3 establishing timeframe for completion of continuing education training for initial license;  
4 removing continuing education requirements; removing associated continuing education  
5 completion timeframes; and removal of waiver process.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STATE BOARDS OF  
EXAMINATION OR REGISTRATION REFERRED TO IN CHAPTER.**

**§30-1-7a. Continuing education.**

1 (a) A board referred to in this chapter shall establish continuing education requirements  
2 as a prerequisite to license renewal. A board shall develop continuing education criteria  
3 appropriate to its discipline, which shall include, but not be limited to, course content, course  
4 approval, hours required, and reporting periods.

5 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, a person issued an initial license to  
6 practice medicine and surgery, a license to practice podiatry or licensed as a physician assistant  
7 by the West Virginia Board of Medicine; a person issued a license to practice dentistry by the  
8 West Virginia Board of Dental Examiners; a person issued a license to practice optometry by the  
9 West Virginia Board of Optometry, a person licensed as a pharmacist by the West Virginia Board  
10 of Pharmacy; a person licensed to practice registered professional nursing or licensed as an  
11 advanced nurse practitioner by the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional  
12 Nurses; a person licensed as a licensed practical nurse by the West Virginia State Board of  
13 Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses; and a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery  
14 as an osteopathic physician and surgeon, or licensed or certified as an osteopathic as physician  
15 assistant by the West Virginia Board of Osteopathy shall complete drug diversion training, best-  
16 practice prescribing of controlled substances training, and training on prescribing and

17 administering an opioid antagonist if that person prescribes, administers, or dispenses a  
18 controlled substance as that term is defined in §60A-1-101 of this code.

19 A person who receives his or her initial license or certificate from any of the boards set  
20 forth in this section shall complete the continuing education requirements set forth in this section  
21 within one year of receiving his or her initial license from that board.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

*Steve Harris*  
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Joe Linn*  
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Clerk of the Senate

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In effect from passage.

*Reg Hamblin*  
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Speaker of the House of Delegates

*COBB*  
.....  
President of the Senate

The within is *approved* this the *23rd*  
Day of *March*, 2023.

*James Justice*  
.....  
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

MAR 15 2023

Time 3:54 pm