1	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
2	FOR
3	H. B. 4104
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5 6	(By Delegates Morgan, Stephens, Hatfield, Butcher, Cann, D. Poling, Craig and Swartzmiller)
7	[Originating in the Committee on Government Organization.]
8	(February 9, 2012)
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10	A BILL to amend and reenact $\$30\mathchar`-1\mathchar`-7\mbox{a}$ of the Code of West Virginia,
11	1931, as amended, relating to authorizing professional
12	licensing boards to exempt licensees who have been licensed
13	for a total of twenty years or more from continuing education
14	requirements.
15	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
16	That §30-1-7a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
17	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
18	ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STATE BOARDS OF
19	EXAMINATION OR REGISTRATION REFERRED TO IN CHAPTER.
20	§30-1-7a. Continuing education.
21	(a) Each board referred to in this chapter shall establish
22	continuing education requirements as a prerequisite to license
23	renewal. Each board shall develop continuing education criteria
24	appropriate to its discipline, which shall include, but not be
25	limited to, including course content, course approval, hours
26	required and reporting periods, as a prerequisite to license

1 renewal: Provided, That a board may, by legislative rule, exempt
2 from continuing education requirements licensees who have been
3 licensed for a total of twenty years or more, in this state or in
4 any jurisdiction with licensure requirements that are substantially
5 similar to licensure requirements in this state.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code or 6 7 the provision of any rule to the contrary, each person issued a 8 license to practice medicine and surgery or a license to practice 9 podiatry or a license as a physician assistant by the West Virginia 10 Board of Medicine, each person licensed as a pharmacist by the West 11 Virginia Board of Pharmacy, each person licensed to practice 12 registered professional nursing or licensed as an advanced nurse 13 practitioner by the West Virginia board of examiners for registered 14 professional nurses, each person licensed as a licensed practical 15 nurse by the West Virginia State Board of Examiners for licensed 16 practical nurses and each person licensed to practice medicine and 17 surgery as an osteopathic physician and surgeon or certified as an 18 osteopathic physician assistant by the West Virginia Board of 19 Osteopathy shall complete two hours of continuing education 20 coursework in the subject of end-of-life care including pain 21 management during each continuing education reporting period 22 through the reporting period ending June 30, 2005. The two hours 23 shall be part of the total hours of continuing education required 24 by each board by rule and not two additional hours.

(2) Effective as of the reporting period beginning July 1,26 2005, the coursework requirement imposed by this subsection will

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1 become a one-time requirement, and all licensees who have not 2 completed the coursework requirement shall complete the coursework 3 requirement prior to his or her first license renewal.