

1 **Senate Bill No. 655**

2 (By Senator Snyder)

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4 [Introduced February 20, 2012; referred to the Committee on
5 Agriculture; and then to the Committee on Government
6 Organization.]
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11 A BILL to amend and reenact §30-10-8 of the Code of West Virginia,
12 1931, as amended, relating to licensure of veterinarians; and
13 allowing the licensure of certain veterinarians by
14 endorsement.

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

16 That §30-10-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
17 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

18 **ARTICLE 10. VETERINARIANS.**

19 **§30-10-8. Requirements for veterinary license.**

20 (a) To be eligible for a license to practice veterinary
21 medicine under the provisions of this article, the applicant must:

22 (1) Be of good moral character;

23 (2) (A) Be a graduate of an accredited school approved by the

1 board; or

2 (B) Be a graduate of a foreign veterinary school and hold a
3 certificate of competence issued by a foreign veterinary graduate
4 educational organization as approved by the board;

5 (3) Have passed the examinations required by the board;

6 (4) Be at least eighteen years of age;

7 (5) Be a citizen of the United States or be eligible for
8 employment in the United States;

9 (6) Not have been convicted of a crime involving moral
10 turpitude;

11 (7) Not have been convicted of a felony under the laws of any
12 jurisdiction within five years preceding the date of application
13 for licensure which conviction remains unreversed; and

14 (8) Not have been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony under
15 the laws of any jurisdiction at any time if the offense for which
16 the applicant was convicted related to the practice of veterinary
17 medicine or animal abuse or neglect.

18 (b) A person seeking a license under the provisions of this
19 article shall submit an application on a form prescribed by the
20 board and pay all applicable fees.

21 (c) An applicant from another jurisdiction shall comply with
22 all the requirements of this article.

23 (d) A license to practice veterinary medicine issued by the
24 board prior to July 1, 2010, shall for all purposes be considered

1 a license issued under this article and may be renewed under this
2 article.

3 (e) An application for a license to practice veterinary
4 medicine submitted to the board prior to July 1, 2010, shall be
5 considered in conformity with the licensing provisions of this
6 article and the rules promulgated thereunder in effect at the time
7 of the submission of the application.

8 (f) The board, in its discretion, may issue a license by
9 endorsement to a qualified applicant who:

10 (1) Has submitted a complete application;

11 (2) Holds a license issued by another state and is in good
12 standing;

13 (3) Has successfully passed an examination covering the laws
14 and rules pertaining to the practice of veterinary medicine in the
15 state; and

16 (4) Has actively practiced clinical veterinary medicine for
17 three thousand hours during the five years preceding application.

(NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow the licensure of
certain veterinarians by endorsement.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from
the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would
be added.)