

Senate Bill No. 655

(By Senator Snyder)

[Introduced February 20, 2012; referred to
the Committee on Agriculture; and then to
the Committee on Government Organization.]

A BILL to amend and reenact §30-10-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to licensure of veterinarians; and allowing the licensure of certain veterinarians by endorsement.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 10. VETERINARIANS.

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

- 1 (a) To be eligible for a license to practice veterinary
- 2 medicine under the provisions of this article, the applicant
- 3 must:

4 (1) Be of good moral character;

5 (2) (A) Be a graduate of an accredited school approved by
6 the board; or

7 (B) Be a graduate of a foreign veterinary school and hold
8 a certificate of competence issued by a foreign veterinary
9 graduate educational organization as approved by the board;

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

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

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

14 (6) Not have been convicted of a crime involving moral
15 turpitude;

16 (7) Not have been convicted of a felony under the laws of
17 any jurisdiction within five years preceding the date of
18 application for licensure which conviction remains unre-
19 versed; and

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

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

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

29 (d) A license to practice veterinary medicine issued by
30 the board prior to July 1, 2010, shall for all purposes be
31 considered a license issued under this article and may be
32 renewed under this article.

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

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

40 (1) Has submitted a complete application;

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

43 (3) Has successfully passed an examination covering the
44 laws and rules pertaining to the practice of veterinary
45 medicine in the state; and

46 (4) Has actively practiced clinical veterinary medicine for
47 three thousand hours during the five years preceding
48 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.)