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5 6 7 8	(By Delegates Hamrick, Householder, Cooper, Arvon, J. Nelson, Howell, Waxman, Ellington, Trecost, Blair and Kessinger)[Originating in the Committee on Health and Human Resources.]
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10	A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
11	designated §30-3-11b; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated
12	§30-14-12c, all relating to health care professionals providing services in federal veterans'
13	affairs facilities in this state; authorizing those health care professionals to provide services
14	to patients or residents of state-run veterans' facilities without obtaining an authorization to
15	practice from the appropriate licensing agency of this state.
16	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
17	That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
18	section, designated §30-3-11b; and to further amend said code by adding thereto a new section,
19	designated §30-14-12c, all to read as follows:
20	ARTICLE 3. WEST VIRGINIA MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT.
21	§30-3-11b. License to practice medicine and surgery at certain state veterans nursing home
22	facilities.
23	(a) The board shall issue a license to practice medicine and surgery in this state without
24	examination to a physician that currently holds a license to practice medicine and surgery at a
25	Federal Veterans Administration Hospital upon completion of an application form prescribed by the

- 1 board and who presents satisfactory proof to the board that he or she is currently employed and
- 2 practicing in a Federal Veterans Administration Hospital that is located in a county in which a
- 3 nursing home operated by the West Virginia Department of Veteran's Assistance is located:
- 4 Provided, That the physician shall maintain an valid, unrestricted license to practice medicine in
- 5 another state.
- 6 (b) The medical practice for which a physician is licensed under this section is limited to
- 7 practice in a nursing home operated by the West Virginia Department of Veteran's Assistance that
- 8 is located in the same county in which the Federal Veterans Administration Hospital where the
- 9 individual is employed.
- 10 (c) No fee may be assessed to an individual licensed or seeking licensure pursuant to this
- 11 section.
- 12 (d) The board shall propose emergency rules pursuant to the provisions of section fifteen,
- 13 article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code to implement the provisions of this section.
- (e) The board shall report to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human
- 15 Resources Accountability and the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability
- 16 by July 1, 2016 on the implementation of this section including the number of licenses issued,
- 17 number of complaints, and any other pertinent legislation.
- 18 ARTICLE 14. OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.
- 19 §30-14-12c. License to practice as an osteopathic physician and surgeon at certain state
- 20 veterans nursing home facilities.
- 21 (a) The board shall issue a license to practice as an osteopathic physician and surgeon in this
- 22 state without examination to a physician that currently holds a license to practice as an osteopathic
- 23 physician and surgeon at a Federal Veterans Administration Hospital upon completion of an

- 1 application form prescribed by the board and who presents satisfactory proof to the board that he or
- 2 she is currently employed and practicing in a Federal Veterans Administration Hospital that is
- 3 located in a county in which a nursing home operated by the West Virginia Department of Veteran's
- 4 Assistance is located: Provided, That the osteopathic physician shall maintain an valid, unrestricted
- 5 license to practice osteopathic medicine in another state.
- 6 (b) The practice for which an osteopathic physician and surgeon is licensed under this
- 7 section is limited to practice in a nursing home operated by the West Virginia Department of
- 8 Veteran's Assistance that is located in the same county in which the Federal Veterans Administration
- 9 Hospital where the individual is employed.
- 10 (c) No fee may be assessed to an individual licensed or seeking licensure pursuant to this
- 11 section.
- 12 (d) The board shall propose emergency rules pursuant to the provisions of section fifteen,
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