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for

House Bill 2889

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1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §8-14-15a, relating to allowing military veterans with certain military ratings to
3 qualify for examinations required of a probationary police officer.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 14. LAW AND ORDER; POLICE FORCE OR DEPARTMENTS; POWERS,
AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AND
POLICEMEN; POLICE MATRONS; SPECIAL SCHOOL ZONE AND PARKING
LOT OR PARKING BUILDING POLICE OFFICERS; CIVIL SERVICE FOR
CERTAIN POLICE DEPARTMENTS.**

§8-14-15a. Veteran qualification for examinations required during probation period.

1 (a) Any person who has served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States,
2 was honorably discharged from that service, and who has successfully completed the course of
3 instruction required to qualify him or her for rating as a military police officer, law-enforcement
4 specialist or other equivalent rating in his or her particular branch of the Armed Forces, may
5 submit to the Civil Service Commission a photostatic copy of the certificate issued to him or her
6 certifying successful completion of such course of instruction and a photostatic copy of his or her
7 discharge from the Armed Forces. The Civil Service Commission shall allow, upon request of the
8 veteran, that he or she be permitted to take any examinations required during the probationary
9 period without first having to complete a training course for that subject: *Provided*, That if the
10 veteran does not pass the examination or examinations, he or she may be subject to the same
11 reexamination requirements of persons who have not applied under the provisions of this section.

12 (b) A veteran wishing to utilize the provisions of section (a) must have first met the
13 requirements contained in §8-14-12 and §8-14-13 of this code.

14 (c) The veteran must successfully pass all examinations and any other requirements of
15 his or her probation period, to be eligible for absolute appointment.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.