

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2018 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4314**

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[Introduced January 26, 2018; Referred  
to the Committee on Government Organization then  
the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,  
 2 designated §4-1-24, relating to providing that paralegals and analysts who have been  
 3 certified by a national association and who have been employed by the Legislature for two  
 4 years are certified paralegals for all purposes within the state; and providing that the  
 5 certification is a lifetime certification.

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

**ARTICLE 1. OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES; APPROPRIATIONS;  
 INVESTIGATIONS; DISPLAY OF FLAGS; RECORDS; USE OF CAPITOL  
 BUILDING; PREFILING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS; STANDING  
 COMMITTEES; INTERIM MEETINGS; NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.**

**§4-1-24. Paralegals and legal analysts.**

1 Paralegals and analysts who have been certified by a national association, such as NALA,  
 2 the National Association of Legal Assistants, and NALS, the Association for Legal Professionals,  
 3 who have been employed by the Legislature for two years or more as a paralegal or legal analyst  
 4 are certified paralegals for all purposes within the State of West Virginia. The certification granted  
 5 by this section is a lifetime certification.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide that paralegals and analysts who have been certified by a national association and who have been employed by the Legislature for two years are certified paralegals for all purposes within the state. The bill provides that the certification is a lifetime certification.

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