

1 renewal: Provided, That a board may, by legislative rule, exempt
2 from continuing education requirements licensees who have been
3 licensed for a total of twenty years or more, in this state or in
4 any jurisdiction with licensure requirements that are substantially
5 similar to licensure requirements in this state.

6 (b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code or
7 the provision of any rule to the contrary, each person issued a
8 license to practice medicine and surgery or a license to practice
9 podiatry or a license as a physician assistant by the West Virginia
10 Board of Medicine, each person licensed as a pharmacist by the West
11 Virginia Board of Pharmacy, each person licensed to practice
12 registered professional nursing or licensed as an advanced nurse
13 practitioner by the West Virginia board of examiners for registered
14 professional nurses, each person licensed as a licensed practical
15 nurse by the West Virginia State Board of Examiners for licensed
16 practical nurses and each person licensed to practice medicine and
17 surgery as an osteopathic physician and surgeon or certified as an
18 osteopathic physician assistant by the West Virginia Board of
19 Osteopathy shall complete two hours of continuing education
20 coursework in the subject of end-of-life care including pain
21 management during each continuing education reporting period
22 through the reporting period ending June 30, 2005. The two hours
23 shall be part of the total hours of continuing education required
24 by each board by rule and not two additional hours.

25 (2) Effective as of the reporting period beginning July 1,
26 2005, the coursework requirement imposed by this subsection will

1 become a one-time requirement, and all licensees who have not
2 completed the coursework requirement shall complete the coursework
3 requirement prior to his or her first license renewal.