| 1  | Senate Bill No. 204   |
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| 2  | (By Senators Snyder and Miller)                                       |
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| 4  | [Introduced February 18, 2013; referred to the Committee on           |
| 5  | Government Organization; and then to the Committee on the             |
| 6  | Judiciary.]   |
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| 11 | A BILL to amend and reenact $\$30-10-8$ of the Code of West Virginia, |
| 12 | 1931, as amended, relating to licensure of veterinarians; and         |
| 13 | allowing the licensure of certain veterinarians by                    |
| 14 | endorsement.  |
| 15 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:                    |
| 16 | That \$30-10-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,        |
| 17 | be amended and reenacted to read as follows:                          |
| 18 | ARTICLE 10. VETERINARIANS.  |
| 19 | §30-10-8. Requirements for veterinary license.                        |
| 20 | (a) To be eligible for a license to practice veterinary               |
| 21 | medicine under the provisions of this article, the applicant must:    |
| 22 | (1) Be of good moral character;                                       |
| 23 | (2) (A) Be a graduate of an accredited school approved by the         |

- 1 board; or
- 2 (B) Be a graduate of a foreign veterinary school and hold a
- 3 certificate of competence issued by a foreign veterinary graduate
- 4 educational organization as approved by the board;
- 5 (3) Have passed the examinations required by the board;
- 6 (4) Be at least eighteen years of age;
- 7 (5) Be a citizen of the United States or be eligible for
- 8 employment in the United States;
- 9 (6) Not have been convicted of a crime involving moral 10 turpitude;
- 11 (7) Not have been convicted of a felony under the laws of any
- 12 jurisdiction within five years preceding the date of application
- 13 for licensure which conviction remains unreversed; and
- 14 (8) Not have been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony under
- 15 the laws of any jurisdiction at any time if the offense for which
- 16 the applicant was convicted related to the practice of veterinary
- 17 medicine or animal abuse or neglect.
- 18 (b) A person seeking a license under the provisions of this
- 19 article shall submit an application on a form prescribed by the
- 20 board and pay all applicable fees.
- 21 (c) An applicant from another jurisdiction shall comply with
- 22 all the requirements of this article <u>if practicing for less than</u>
- 23 five years. Veterinarians practicing five years or more in another

- 1 state are exempt from the national examination requirement and may
- 2 apply for license by endorsement.
- 3 (d) A license to practice veterinary medicine issued by the
- 4 board prior to July 1, 2010, shall for all purposes be considered
- 5 a license issued under this article and may be renewed under this 6 article.
- 7 (e) An application for a license to practice veterinary
- 8 medicine submitted to the board prior to July 1, 2010, shall be
- 9 considered in conformity with the licensing provisions of this
- 10 article and the rules promulgated thereunder in effect at the time
- 11 of the submission of the application.
- 12 (f) Notwithstanding the rules regarding licensure, the board
- 13 shall issue a license by endorsement, without the national
- 14 examination requirement, to a qualified applicant who:
- 15 (1) Graduated from an accredited school of veterinary
- 16 medicine;
- 17 (2) Currently holds a license issued by another state for at
- 18 least five years and is in good standing; and
- 19 (3) An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall:
- 20 (A) Request in writing to the board to be licensed by
- 21 endorsement and pay a fee of \$200;
- 22 (B) Have official transcripts be sent directly to the board
- 23 from the veterinary school they graduated from; and

- 1 (C) Have a letter of good standing sent to the board from the
- 2 state(s) they are currently licensed in or have held a license to
- 3 practice veterinary medicine.

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.