

1 **H. B. 2098**

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3 (By Delegates Hamrick, Householder, Cooper, Arvon, J. Nelson,
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6 [Introduced January 20, 2015; referred to the

7 Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Homeland Security then 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 §30-1-21, relating to health care professionals providing services in federal
12 veterans' affairs facilities in this state; authorizing those health care professionals to provide
13 services to patients or residents of state-run veterans' facilities without obtaining an
14 authorization to practice from the appropriate licensing agency of this state.

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

16 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted by adding
17 thereto a new section, designated §30-1-21, to read as follows:

18 **ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STATE BOARDS OF**
19 **EXAMINATION OR REGISTRATION REFERRED TO IN CHAPTER.**

20 **§30-1-21. Exemption from professional licensure for veterans' providers.**

21 (a) For the purposes of this section, "health care professional" means any individual
22 appointed by the federal government to provide services in a United States Veterans Affairs facility
23 within this state, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 7401, regardless of the jurisdiction in which that individual

1 holds a professional license in good standing.

2 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, a health care professional providing
3 services within this state on behalf of a United States Veterans Affairs health care facility is exempt
4 from obtaining a license or authorization to practice from the appropriate professional licensing
5 board of this state while providing services to a patient of a state-run veterans' health care facility
6 or a resident of a state-run veterans' nursing home.

7 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, any health care professional providing
8 services within this state on behalf of a United States Veterans Affairs health care facility is
9 authorized to provide services and prescribe pharmaceutical drugs to a patient of a state-run veterans'
10 health care facility or a resident of a state-run veterans' nursing home within the same limits as his
11 or her authorization to practice in a United States Veterans Affairs health care facility within this
12 state.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize health care professionals providing services in federal veterans' affairs facilities in this state to provide services to patients or residents of state-run veterans' facilities without obtaining an authorization to practice from the appropriate licensing agency of this state.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.