

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

for

H. B. 2432

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A BILL to amend and reenact §30-5-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the licensure requirements to practice pharmacist care.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §30-5-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 5. PHARMACISTS, PHARMACY TECHNICIANS, PHARMACY
INTERNS AND PHARMACIES.**

30-5-9. Qualifications for licensure as pharmacist;

- 1 (a) To be eligible for a license to practice pharmacist care
- 2 under the provisions of this article, the applicant shall:
- 3 (1) Submit a written application to the board;
- 4 (2) Be eighteen years of age or older;
- 5 (3) Pay all applicable fees;
- 6 (4) Graduate from an accredited school of pharmacy;
- 7 (5) Complete at least fifteen hundred hours of internship in
- 8 a pharmacy under the instruction and supervision of a
- 9 pharmacist;
- 10 (6) Pass an examination or examinations approved by the
- 11 board;
- 12 (7) Not be an alcohol or drug abuser, as these terms are
- 13 defined in section eleven, article one-a, chapter twenty-seven of
- 14 this code: *Provided*, That an applicant in an active recovery
- 15 process, which may, in the discretion of the board, be evidenced
- 16 by participation in a twelve-step program or other similar group
- 17 or process, may be considered;

18 (8) Present to the board satisfactory evidence that he or she
19 is a person of good moral character, has not been convicted of a
20 felony involving the sale or distribution of controlled substances
21 ~~or violent crime~~;

22 (9) Not been convicted in any jurisdiction of ~~a~~ any other
23 felony or ~~any~~ crime which bears a rational nexus to the
24 individual's ability to practice pharmacist care, Provided, That
25 an applicant with a felony conviction other than the felony
26 conviction specified in subdivision eight of this section may
27 apply to the board for licensure no sooner than five years after
28 the date of the conviction. The board shall evaluate each
29 applicant on a case by case basis; and

30 (10) Has fulfilled any other requirement specified by the
31 board in rule.

32 (b) An applicant from another jurisdiction shall comply with
33 all the requirements of this article.

