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House Bill 2838

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to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Homeland
Security then Health and Human Resources.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §30-24-8, relating to allowing military veterans who meet certain qualifications
3 to qualify for examination for license as an emergency medical technician.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended be amended by adding thereto a new
2 section, designated §30-24-8, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 24. QUALIFICATION OF ARMED FORCES HEALTH TECHNICIANS FOR
CIVILIAN HEALTH OCCUPATIONS.**

§30-24-8. Qualification for examination for license as an emergency medical technician.

1 Any person who has served on active duty in the medical corps of any of the Armed Forces
2 of the United States and who has successfully completed the course of instruction required to
3 qualify him or her for rating as an emergency medical technician, hospital corpsman, combat
4 medic, health care specialist or other equivalent rating in his or her particular branch of the Armed
5 Forces, and whose service in the Armed Forces was under honorable conditions, may submit to
6 the West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services, a photostatic copy of the certificate
7 issued to him or her certifying successful completion of such course of instruction, a photostatic
8 copy of his or her discharge from the Armed Forces, an application for a certification as an
9 emergency medical technician and the prescribed license fee.

10 If the certificate and discharge, as evidenced by the photostatic copies thereof, the
11 application and prescribed license fee are in order, and if the veteran meets all of the requirements
12 of article four-c, chapter sixteen of this code, the veteran shall be permitted to take the same
13 examination or examinations as are required under article four-c, chapter sixteen of this code for
14 applicants who do not apply for a license under the provisions of this article: *Provided*, That the
15 veteran may be required to attend additional training courses prior to taking the examination if
16 more than thirty years has passed from his or her successful completion of the course of

17 instruction and date of application. If the veteran passes such examination or examinations, he
18 or she shall be licensed as an emergency medical technician and shall thereafter be subject to all
19 of the provisions of article four-c, chapter sixteen of this code. If the veteran does not pass such
20 examination or examinations, any provisions of article four-c, chapter sixteen of this code relating
21 to reexaminations shall apply to such veteran the same as they apply to a person who does not
22 apply for a license under the provisions of this article.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow military veterans who meet certain qualifications to qualify for examination for license as an emergency medical technician

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