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for

House Bill 4023

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- A BILL to repeal §30-7C-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and
 reenact §30-7C-3 of said code, all relating to the regulation of dialysis technicians;
 establishing temporary permit time-frames; clarifying that permit holder is eligible to renew
- 4 his or her permit; and repealing an advisory council.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 7C. DIALYSIS TECHNICIANS.

§30-7C-3. Qualifications; exceptions; application form and fees.

(a) In order To be certified by the board as a dialysis technician, an individual must shall
 demonstrate that he or she:

3 (1) Is of good moral character;

4 (2) Has acquired at least a high school diploma, general equivalency diploma or 5 equivalent;

6 (3) Has successfully completed an approved dialysis technician training program;

7 (4) Has achieved national certification as a dialysis technician; and

8 (5) Has met such other qualifications required by the board by legislative rule.

9 (b) On or before July 1, 2005, an individual who is currently working as a dialysis technician 10 in a dialysis facility, and whose administrative registered professional nurse in charge 11 acknowledges that he or she is competent to perform the delegated duties and practices in 12 accordance with the laws regulating the provision of dialysis care, the rules of the board and any 13 other applicable federal and state laws and rules, will be considered as having met the 14 requirements of subdivisions (3) and (4), subsection (a) of this section for the purposes of being 15 certified by the board as a dialysis technician.

(c) On or before July 1, 2006, an individual who has successfully completed an approved
 dialysis technician training program and who was working on or before July 1, 2005, as a dialysis
 technician trainee in a dialysis facility, and whose administrative registered professional nurse in
 charge acknowledges that he or she is competent to perform the delegated duties and practices

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in accordance with the laws regulating the provision of dialysis care, the rules of the board and
 any other applicable federal and state laws and rules, will be considered as having met the
 requirements of subdivision (4), subsection (a) of this section for the purposes of being certified
 by the board as a dialysis technician
 (d) (b) An applicant for certification must shall file with the board an application in the form

and manner <u>as</u> established by the board demonstrating that he or she has met the qualifications
set forth in subsection (a) of this section, and pay an application fee as established by legislative
rule.

(e) (c) (1) The board may, upon receipt of a completed application and fee in accordance
 with legislative rule, issue a temporary permit to practice as a dialysis technician to any applicant
 who has completed a board approved dialysis technician training program.

31 (2) A temporary permit is not renewable, and is effective from the date of issuance until 32 three days following after the receipt by the applicant and the board of the results of the first 33 written certification examination <u>or after eighteen months whichever is sooner</u>, unless the board 34 revokes the temporary permit prior to its expiration.

(f) The Board may, upon receipt of a completed application and fee in accordance with
 legislative rule, issue a temporary endorsement to practice as a dialysis technician to an applicant
 who has been certified as a dialysis technician under the laws of another state, territory or foreign
 country and who meets the qualifications of the board. A temporary endorsement is not renewable
 and is effective for ninety days unless the board revokes the endorsement prior to its expiration
 (3) A temporary permit may be renewed one time for an additional eighteen months from
 the renewal date unless the board revokes the temporary permit prior to its expiration, under the

- 42 <u>following circumstances:</u>
- 43 (A) The national certification has lapsed, and
- 44 (B) A dialysis technician is required to work to qualify for recertification.

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45 (d) A dialysis technician previously licensed under this article is continued to be licensed

46 and is eligible to renew.

ARTICLE 7C. DIALYSIS TECHNICIANS.

§30-7C-9. Dialysis technician advisory council.

1 [Repealed.]

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