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House Bill 2889

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to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Homeland

Security then Government Organization.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §8-14-15a, relating to allowing military veterans with certain military ratings to
 3 qualify for examinations required of a probationary police officer.

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 §8-14-15a, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 14. LAW AND ORDER; POLICE FORCE OR DEPARTMENTS; POWERS,
 AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AND
 POLICEMEN; POLICE MATRONS; SPECIAL SCHOOL ZONE AND PARKING
 LOT OR PARKING BUILDING POLICE OFFICERS; CIVIL SERVICE FOR
 CERTAIN POLICE DEPARTMENTS.**

§8-14-15a. Veteran qualification for examinations required during probation period.

1 (a) Any person who has served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States,
 2 was honorably discharged from that service, and who has successfully completed the course of
 3 instruction required to qualify him or her for rating as a military police officer, law-enforcement
 4 specialist or other equivalent rating in his or her particular branch of the Armed Forces, may
 5 submit to the Civil Service Commission a photostatic copy of the certificate issued to him or her
 6 certifying successful completion of such course of instruction and a photostatic copy of his or her
 7 discharge from the Armed Forces. The Civil Service Commission shall allow, upon request of the
 8 veteran, that he or she be permitted to take any examinations required during the probationary
 9 period without first having to complete a training course for that subject: *Provided*, That if the
 10 veteran does not pass the examination or examinations, he or she may be subject to the same
 11 reexamination requirements of persons who have not applied under the provisions of this section.

12 (b) A veteran wishing to utilize the provisions of section (a) must have first met the
 13 requirements contained in sections twelve and thirteen of this article.

- 14 (c) The veteran must successfully pass all examinations and any other requirements of
15 his or her probation period, to be eligible for absolute appointment.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow military veterans with certain military ratings to take examinations required for successful completion of a police officer's probation period.

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