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House Bill 2209

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[Introduced January 10, 2019; referred 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:

**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 reserve or active duty in the medical corps of any of the
2 Armed Forces of the United States and who has successfully completed the course of instruction
3 required to qualify him or her for rating as an emergency medical technician, hospital corpsman,
4 combat medic, health care specialist, or other equivalent rating in his or her particular branch of
5 the Armed Forces, and whose service in the Armed Forces was under honorable conditions, may
6 submit to the West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services, a photostatic copy of the
7 certificate issued to him or her certifying successful completion of such course of instruction, a
8 photostatic copy of his or her discharge from the Armed Forces, an application for a certification
9 as an 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
12 requirements of §16-4C-1 et seq. of this code, the veteran shall be permitted to take the same
13 examination or examinations as are required under §16-4C-1 et seq. of this code for applicants
14 who do not apply for a license under the provisions of this article: *Provided*, That the veteran may
15 be required to attend additional training courses prior to taking the examination if more than 30
16 years has passed from his or her successful completion of the course of instruction and date of
17 application. If the veteran passes the examination or examinations, he or she shall be licensed
18 as an emergency medical technician and shall thereafter be subject to all of the provisions of §16-

19 4C-1 et seq. of this code. If the veteran does not pass such examination or examinations, any
20 provisions of §16-4C-1 et seq. of this code relating to reexaminations shall apply to the veteran
21 the same as they apply to a person who does not apply for a license under the provisions of this
22 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.