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[Originating the Committee on Health and Human
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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 qualifications of emergency medical technicians;
3 establishing an application; allowing military veterans who meet certain qualifications to
4 qualify for examination for license as an emergency medical technician; requiring
5 additional training if a certain amount of time has elapsed; and providing for reexamination
6 in certain circumstances.

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 (a) A person who has served on active duty in the medical corps of any of the Armed
2 Forces of the United States and who has successfully completed the course of instruction required
3 to 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:

7 (1) A photostatic copy of the certificate issued to him or her certifying successful
8 completion of the course of instruction, or in the alternative, a photostatic copy of their current
9 National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians certification; and

10 (2) A photostatic copy of his or her discharge from the Armed Forces; and

11 (3) An application for a certification as an emergency medical technician; and

12 (4) The prescribed license fee.

13 (b) If required information provided under subsection (a) is satisfactory, and if the veteran
14 meets all of the requirements of article four-c, chapter sixteen, the veteran shall be permitted to
15 take the same examination or examinations as are required under article four-c, chapter sixteen
16 for an applicant who does not apply for a license under the provisions of this article.

17 (c) The veteran may be required to attend additional training courses prior to taking the
18 examination if more than thirty years has passed from his or her successful completion of the
19 course of instruction and date of application.

20 (d) If the veteran passes the examination or examinations, he or she shall be licensed as
21 an emergency medical technician and shall be subject to the provisions of article four-c, chapter
22 sixteen. If the veteran does not pass the examination or examinations, the provisions of article
23 four-c, chapter sixteen of this code relating to reexaminations apply to the veteran the same as
24 they apply to a person who does not 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.