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to the Committee on Government Organization; and then
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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 §30-1-22, relating to waiver of occupational fees and fees from licensing
 3 requirements for certain low-income individuals, military families, and young workers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STATE BOARDS OF EXAMINATION OR REGISTRATION REFERRED TO IN CHAPTER.

§30-1-22. Waiver of licensing fees for low-income individuals and military families; definitions.

1 (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Licensing" means any required training, education, or fee to work in a specific
 3 profession.

4 (2) "Occupational fee" means a fee on professionals or businesses that is charged for the
 5 privilege of providing goods or services within a certain jurisdiction.

6 (3) "Political subdivision" means a municipality or county.

7 (4) "Licensing authority" means an agency, examining board, credentialing board, or other
 8 office with the authority to impose occupational fees or licensing requirements on any profession,
 9 whether or not created in this chapter.

10 (5) "Low-income individuals" means individuals whose household adjusted gross income
 11 is below 130 percent of the federal poverty line. This term also applies to any person enrolled in
 12 a state or federal public assistance program including, but not limited to, the Temporary
 13 Assistance for Needy Families program, Medicaid, and/or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
 14 Program.

15 (6) "Military families" means any active duty service members and their spouses and
 16 honorably discharged veterans and their spouses. Surviving spouses of deceased service
 17 members who have not remarried are also included.

18 (7) "Young workers" means applicants who are between the ages of 18 and 25.

19 (b)(1) All state and political subdivision licensing authorities shall waive all occupational
20 fees and fees from licensing requirements for low-income individuals. These fees shall also be
21 waived for military families, and young workers.

22 (2) Individuals seeking a waiver of occupational fees and fees from licensing requirements
23 must apply to the appropriate licensing authority in a format prescribed by the licensing authority.
24 The licensing authority shall process the application within 30 days of receiving it from the
25 applicant.

26 (3) The licensing authority shall adopt necessary rules for the implementation of this
27 section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide a waiver of occupational fees and fees from licensing requirements for certain low-income individuals, military families, and young workers.

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