

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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### **House Bill 4027**

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NOTE**

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to the Committee on Education then Health and  
Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §30-3-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to  
 2 amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §30-3-16, all relating to  
 3 creating an education permit for allopathic physician resident.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 3. WEST VIRGINIA MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT.**

**§30-3-13. Licensing requirements for the practice of medicine and surgery or podiatry; exceptions; unauthorized practice; notice; criminal penalties.**

1 (a) It is unlawful for any person who does not hold an active, unexpired license issued  
 2 pursuant to this article, or who is not practicing pursuant to the licensure exceptions set forth in  
 3 this section, to:

- 4 (1) Engage in the practice of medicine and surgery or podiatry in this state;
- 5 (2) Represent that he or she is a physician, surgeon or podiatrist authorized to practice  
 6 medicine and surgery or podiatry in this state; or
- 7 (3) Use any title, word or abbreviation to indicate or induce others to believe that he or she  
 8 is licensed to practice medicine and surgery or podiatry in this state.

9 (b) It is unlawful for any person who does not hold an active, unexpired license issued  
 10 pursuant to this article to engage in the practice of telemedicine within this state. As used in this  
 11 section, the “practice of telemedicine” means the practice of medicine using communication tools  
 12 such as electronic communication, information technology or other means of interaction between a  
 13 licensed health care professional in one location and a patient in another location, with or without  
 14 an intervening health care provider, and typically involves secure real time audio/video  
 15 conferencing or similar secure audio/video services, remote monitoring, interactive video and  
 16 store and forward digital image or health data technology to provide or support health care delivery  
 17 by replicating the interaction of a traditional in person encounter between a provider and a  
 18 patient. The practice of telemedicine occurs in this state when the patient receiving health care  
 19 services through a telemedicine encounter is physically located in this state.

20 (c) It is not unlawful for a person:

21 (1) Who is a licensed health care provider under this code to act within his or her scope of  
22 practice;

23 (2) Who is not a licensed health care professional in this state to provide first aid care in  
24 an emergency situation; or

25 (3) To engage in the bona fide religious tenets of any recognized church in the  
26 administration of assistance to the sick or suffering by mental or spiritual means.

27 (d) The following persons are exempt from the licensure requirements under this article:

28 (1) A person enrolled in a school of medicine approved by the Liaison Committee on  
29 Medical Education or by the board;

30 (2) A person enrolled in a school of podiatric medicine approved by the Council of Podiatry  
31 Education or by the board;

32 ~~(3) A person engaged in graduate medical training in a program approved by the  
33 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or the board~~

34 ~~(4) A person engaged in graduate podiatric training in a program approved by the Council  
35 on Podiatric Education or by the board;~~

36 ~~(5)~~ (4) A physician or podiatrist engaged in the performance of his or her official duties  
37 holding one or more licenses from another state or foreign country and who is a commissioned  
38 medical officer of, a member of or employed by:

39 (A) The United States Military;

40 (B) The Department of Defense;

41 (C) The United States Public Health Service; or

42 (D) Any other federal agency;

43 ~~(6)~~ (5) A physician or podiatrist holding one or more unrestricted licenses granted by  
44 another state or foreign country serving as visiting medical faculty engaged in education, training  
45 or research duties at a medical school or institution recognized by the board for up to six months

46 if:

47 (A) The physician does not engage in the practice of medicine and surgery or podiatry  
48 outside of the auspices of the sponsoring school or institution; and

49 (B) The sponsoring medical school or institution provides prior written notification to the  
50 board including the physician's name, all jurisdictions of licensure and the beginning and end date  
51 of the physician's visiting medical faculty status;

52 ~~(7)~~(6) A physician or podiatrist holding one or more unrestricted licenses granted by  
53 another state present in the state as a member of an air ambulance treatment team or organ  
54 harvesting team;

55 ~~(8)~~(7) A physician or podiatrist holding one or more unrestricted licenses granted by  
56 another state or foreign country providing a consultation on a singular occasion to a licensed  
57 physician or podiatrist in this state, whether the consulting physician or podiatrist is physically  
58 present in the state for the consultation or not;

59 ~~(9)~~(8) A physician or podiatrist holding one or more unrestricted licenses granted by  
60 another state or foreign country providing teaching assistance, in a medical capacity, for a period  
61 not to exceed seven days;

62 ~~(10)~~(9) A physician or podiatrist holding one or more unrestricted licenses granted by  
63 another state or foreign country serving as a volunteer in a noncompensated role for a charitable  
64 function for a period not to exceed seven days; and

65 ~~(11)~~(10) A physician or podiatrist holding one or more unrestricted licenses granted by  
66 another state or foreign country providing medical services to a college or university affiliated  
67 and/or sponsored sports team or an incorporated sports team if:

68 (A) He or she has a written agreement with that sports team to provide care to team  
69 members, band member, cheerleader, mascot, coaching staff and families traveling with the team  
70 for a specific sporting event, team appearance or training camp occurring in this state;

71 (B) He or she may only provide care or consultation to team members, coaching staff and  
72 families traveling with the team no longer than seven consecutive days per sporting event;

73 (C) He or she is not authorized to practice at a health care facility or clinic, acute care  
74 facility or urgent care center located in this state, but the physician may accompany the patient to  
75 the facility and consult; and

76 (D) The physician or podiatrist may be permitted, by written permission from the executive  
77 director, to extend his or her authorization to practice medicine for a maximum of seven additional  
78 consecutive days if the requestor shows good cause for the extension.

79 (e) A physician or podiatrist who does not hold a license issued by the board and who is  
80 practicing medicine in this state pursuant to the exceptions to licensure set forth in this section  
81 may practice in West Virginia under one or more of the licensure exceptions for no greater than  
82 a cumulative total of thirty days in any one calendar year.

83 (f) The executive director shall send by certified mail to a physician not licensed in this  
84 state a written order that revokes the privilege to practice medicine under this section if the  
85 executive director finds good cause to do so. If no current address can be determined, the order  
86 may be sent by regular mail to the physician's last known address.

87 (g) A person who engages in the unlawful practice of medicine and surgery or podiatry  
88 while holding a license issued pursuant to this article which has been classified by the board as  
89 expired for ninety days or fewer is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined  
90 not more than \$5,000 or confined in jail not more than twelve months, or both fined and confined.

91 (h) A person who is found to be engaging in the practice of medicine and: (1) Has never  
92 been licensed by the board under this article; (2) holds a license which has been classified by the  
93 board as expired for greater than ninety days; or (3) holds a license which has been placed in  
94 inactive status, revoked, suspended or surrendered to the board is guilty of a felony and, upon  
95 conviction, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned in a correctional facility for not less  
96 than one year nor more than five years or both fined and imprisoned.

97 (i) Upon a determination by the board that any report or complaint submitted to it concerns  
98 allegations of the unlawful practice of medicine and surgery by an individual who is licensed under  
99 another article of this chapter, the board shall refer the complaint to the appropriate licensing  
100 authority. Additionally, whenever the board receives credible information that an individual is  
101 engaging in the unlawful practice of medicine and surgery or podiatry in violation of this section,  
102 the board may report such information to the appropriate state and/or federal law enforcement  
103 authority and/or prosecuting attorney.

**§30-3-16. Educational Permit.**

1 (a) An applicant for an educational permit shall file an application with the board and  
2 furnish evidence establishing that the applicant has satisfied the following requirements:  
3 (1) The applicant is eighteen years of age or over;  
4 (2) The applicant has paid the applicable fee;  
5 (3) The applicant is of good moral character;  
6 (4) The applicant has graduated from an accredited allopathic college; and  
7 (5) The applicant is under contract as an intern or resident in an approved program of  
8 post-graduate clinical training.  
9 (b) In order to give timely effect to this section, the board may promulgate emergency rules  
10 pursuant to the provisions of §29A-3-15 of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create an education permit for an allopathic physician resident.

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