

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

H. B. 4001

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(Originating in the Committee on Government Organization)
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A BILL to amend and reenact §30-1-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to professional licensing boards; authorizing boards to establish fees by legislative rule notwithstanding specific fees established in code; providing for methods to notify licensees of proposal of fees in legislative rules; and clarifying the requirement to redact social security numbers from records released to the public.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §30-1-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

**§30-1-6. Application for license or registration; examination
fee; establishment of application deadline and fees
by legislative rule; prohibiting discrimination.**

1 (a) An applicant for an authorization to practice under the
2 provisions of this chapter shall apply in writing to the proper
3 board and submit the applicable fees.

4 (b) Each board may establish, by legislative rule, a
5 deadline for an application for an examination.

6 (c) Notwithstanding the specific fees set forth in this
7 chapter, each board may set fees by legislative rule that are
8 sufficient to enable the board to effectively carry out its
9 duties and responsibilities. At least thirty days prior to
10 proposing a rule on fees, the board shall notify its
11 membership of the proposed rule by:

12 (1) Mailing a copy of the proposed rule to its
13 membership; or

14 (2) Posting the proposed rule on its website and notifying
15 its membership of the website posting by:

16 (A) Mailing a postcard;

17 (B) Emailing a notice; or

18 (C) Placing a notice in its newsletter.

19 (d) In addition to any other information required by the
20 board, an applicant's social security number shall be recorded on
21 an application: *Provided*, That the board shall redact the social
22 security number on any copies provided to the public.

23 (e) A board may not discriminate against an applicant
24 because of political or religious opinion or affiliation, marital
25 status, race, color, gender, creed, age, national origin,
26 disability or other protected group status.

27 (f) A board may deny an applicant an authorization to
28 practice in this state if an applicant's authorization to practice
29 in another jurisdiction has been revoked. The denial may be
30 made by the board without a hearing unless the applicant
31 requests a hearing within thirty days of the denial. A hearing
32 must be conducted pursuant to the provisions of this article
33 or the provisions contained in the rules of the board.