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House Bill 2011

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to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
2 designated §5-30-1, relating to prohibiting state agencies and departments from acting
3 outside their statutory scopes of authority.

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 article, designated §5-30-1, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 30. SCOPE OF AUTHORITY.

§5-30-1. Limitations on agencies and departments.

1 No state agency or department may go beyond the scope of its statutory authority or
2 otherwise infringe upon an area regulated by another agency or department, including, but not
3 limited to, the promulgation of rules, the issuance of permits and placing restrictions on the entities
4 it lawfully regulates.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit state agencies and departments from acting outside their statutory scopes of authority.

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