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Senate Bill 244

By Senators Woodrum and Trump

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 to the Committee on Government Organization]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §5-30-1 and §5-30-2, all relating to making rosters of individuals who have obtained professional, occupational, and trade licenses, registrations, and certificates available to the public; stating purpose of article; and requiring entities that authorize individuals to practice a profession, occupation, or trade in this state to prepare and maintain a roster of authorized individuals and to make roster available to the public.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

Article 30. rosters of individuals authorized to practice professions, occupations, and trades.

§5-30-1. Purpose of article.

The purpose of this article is to ensure and increase public confidence in state regulation of professions, occupations, and trades by making lists of all individuals who have obtained approval to practice in the state available to the public upon request and electronically.

§5-30-2. Roster of licensed, registered, or certified practitioners to be made available to the public.

The secretary or director of every board, commission, agency, or entity that issues licenses, registrations, or certificates, or otherwise authorizes individuals to practice a profession, occupation, or trade in this state, shall prepare and maintain a complete roster of the names and mailing addresses of all persons licensed, registered, certified, or otherwise authorized to practice in this state the profession, occupation, or trade to which such board, commission, agency, or entity relates, arranged alphabetically by name and also by the municipalities or counties in which their mailing addresses are situated. Each such board, commission, agency, or entity shall make the roster available upon request to any member of the public and shall also place and maintain the roster on its website if it maintains one.