

1 **Senate Bill No. 620**

2 (By Senator Snyder)

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4 [Introduced March 22, 2013; referred to the Committee on

5 Government Organization.]

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10 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by

11 adding thereto a new article, designated §29-9-1 and §29-9-2;

12 and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section,

13 designated §30-1-6c, all relating to requiring state agencies,

14 boards, commissions and entities and Chapter 30 boards to give

15 tests regionally; providing a waiver; and authorizing online

16 testing.

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

18 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended

19 by adding thereto a new article, designated §29-9-1 and §29-9-2;

20 and that said code be amended by adding thereto a new section,

21 designated §30-1-6c, all to read as follows:

22 **CHAPTER 29. MISCELLANEOUS BOARDS AND OFFICERS.**

23 **ARTICLE 9. TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AGENCIES.**

1 **§29-9-1. Legislative findings.**

2 (a) The Legislature finds that state agencies, boards,
3 commissions and entities that administer tests predominately in
4 Charleston do not serve a majority of the citizens of the state and
5 in some cases make a hardship on the citizens due to the
6 significant driving distance to Charleston.

7 (b) Therefore, providing for the administration of tests at
8 least regionally will better serve the citizens of the state.

9 **§29-9-2. State agency tests required to be administered**
10 **regionally.**

11 (a) Commencing July 1, 2014, all state agencies, boards,
12 commissions and entities that administer a test or require a test
13 shall provide for the taking of the test in at least three regional
14 areas throughout the state in addition to Charleston: *Provided,*
15 That if a test can only be administered in certain locations due to
16 cost or other considerations, then the state agency, board,
17 commission or entity may seek a waiver from the Governor which
18 waiver shall be applicable for three years.

19 (b) The provisions of this section may be met by providing the
20 test online.

21 **CHAPTER 30. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS.**

22 **ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STATE BOARDS OF**

1 **EXAMINATION OR REGISTRATION REFERRED TO IN CHAPTER.**

2 §30-1-6c. Board tests required to be administered regionally.

3 (a) Commencing July 1, 2014, each board referred to in this
4 chapter that administers a test or requires a test shall provide
5 for the taking of the test in at least three regional areas
6 throughout the state in addition to Charleston: *Provided*, That if
7 a test can only be administered in a certain place, then the state
8 agency, board, commission or entity shall obtain a waiver from the
9 Governor which waiver shall be applicable for three years.

10 (b) The provisions of this section may be met by providing the
11 test online.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require state agencies, boards, commissions and entities, and Chapter 30 boards to give tests regionally, provide a waiver and authorize online testing.

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