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(BY REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE)

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1 A BILL to amend and reenact §21-3-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend
2 and reenact §21-3C-11 of said code; to amend and reenact §21-3D-8 of said code; to
3 amend and reenact §21-5-5c of said code; to amend and reenact §21-9-9 of said code; to
4 amend and reenact §21-10-4 of said code; to amend and reenact §21-11-17 of said code;
5 to amend and reenact §21-14-9 of said code; to amend and reenact §21-15-7 of said code;
6 to amend and reenact §21-16-10 of said code; to amend and reenact §47-1-8, §47-1-20,
7 §47-1-21 and §47-1-22 of said code; and to amend and reenact §47-1A-10 and §47-1A-
8 14 of said code, all relating to creating special revenue funding sources for the Division of
9 Labor to meet its statutory obligations; establishing Steam Boiler Fund; establishing HVAC
10 Fund; establishing Plumbing Work Fund; establishing Psychophysiological Examiners
11 Fund; establishing Bedding and Upholstery Fund; removing requirement that fees from
12 issuing licenses to administer psychophysiological detection of deception, lie detector or
13 similar examinations be deposited in the General Revenue Fund; authorizing the
14 commissioner to charge fees for the registration of service persons and service agencies,
15 and the registration of businesses that use weighing and measuring devices for
16 commercial purposes and directing such fees to the Weights and Measures Fund;
17 authorizing the commissioner to promulgate emergency legislative rules to administer and
18 enforce fees on service persons and service agencies and businesses using weighing and
19 measuring devices; directing civil penalty fees to the Weights and Measures Fund;
20 removing requirement that the commissioner approve applications for sterilization permits
21 held in states other than West Virginia only after personal inspection of such sterilizer or
22 disinfectant; increasing fees for the issuance of certificates of operation of elevators;
23 establishing late fees; establishing reissuance fee for revoked or expired permits;
24 increasing registration fees for manufacturers of bedding, upholsters and renovators;
25 increasing permitting fees for sterilizers; authorizing the commissioner to promulgate
26 legislative rules; and making general edits and clarifications.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §21-3-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and
2 reenacted; that §21-3C-11 of said code be amended and reenacted; that §21-3D-8 of said code
3 be amended and reenacted; that §21-5-5c of said code be amended and reenacted; that §21-9-
4 9 of said code be amended and reenacted; that §21-10-4 of said code be amended and
5 reenacted; that §21-11-17 of said code be amended and reenacted; that §21-14-9 of said code
6 be amended and reenacted; that §21-15-7 of said code be amended and reenacted; that §21-16-
7 10 of said code be amended and reenacted; that §47-1-8, §47-1-20, §47-1-21 and §47-1-22 of
8 said code be amended and reenacted; and that §47-1A-10 and §47-1A-14 of said code be
9 amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

CHAPTER 21. LABOR.

ARTICLE 3. SAFETY AND WELFARE OF EMPLOYEES.

§21-3-7. Regulation of operation of steam boilers.

1 (a) Any person owning or operating a steam boiler carrying more than fifteen pounds
2 pressure per square inch (except boilers on railroad locomotives subject to inspection under
3 federal laws; portable boilers used for agricultural purposes; boilers on automobiles; boilers of
4 steam fire engines brought into the state for temporary use in times of emergency for the purpose
5 of checking conflagrations; boilers used in private residences which are used solely for residential
6 purposes; any sectional boilers; small portable boilers commonly used in the oil and gas industry
7 about their wells and tool houses; and boilers under the jurisdiction of the United States) in this
8 state shall first obtain a permit to operate a steam boiler from the Commissioner of Labor, or from
9 an inspector working under his or her jurisdiction.

10 (b) Applications for permits to operate a steam boiler must be accompanied by a sworn
11 statement made by the owner or operator of such boiler, setting forth the condition of the boiler
12 and its appurtenances at which time, if the facts disclosed by such statement meet the safety

13 requirements established under this article, the Commissioner of Labor shall issue a temporary
14 permit, which shall be valid until such boiler has been inspected by a boiler inspector authorized
15 by the state Commissioner of Labor; thereupon, if the boiler meets the safety requirements
16 established under this article, the Commissioner of Labor shall issue an annual permit to operate
17 such steam boiler: *Provided*, That boilers which are insured by an insurance company operating
18 in this state and which are inspected by such insurance company's boiler inspector shall not be
19 subject to inspection by the state department Division of Labor, during any twelve- ~~months'~~ month
20 period during which an inspection is made by the insurance company's boiler inspector.

21 (c) The Commissioner of Labor or state boiler inspector shall have the authority to inspect
22 steam boilers in this state. To carry out the provisions of this section, the Commissioner of Labor
23 shall prescribe rules and regulations under which boilers may be constructed and operated,
24 according to their class. The Commissioner of Labor ~~shall be authorized to~~ may revoke any permit
25 to operate a steam boiler if the rules prescribed by the Commissioner of Labor, or his or her
26 authorized representative, are violated or if a condition shall prevail which is hazardous to the life
27 and health of persons operating or employed at or around the boiler. Any person or corporation
28 who shall operate a steam boiler for which a permit is necessary under the provisions of this
29 section, without first obtaining such permit to operate a steam boiler, ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a
30 misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.
31 Every day a steam boiler requiring a permit to operate is operated without ~~such~~ the permit ~~shall~~
32 ~~be considered~~ is a separate offense.

33 ~~(d) The commissioner may charge such fee as he determines reasonable for the~~
34 ~~inspection of boilers by the department of labor boiler inspector of the commissioner's authorized~~
35 ~~boiler inspection agency. The commissioner shall charge an annual fee to be established by~~
36 ~~legislative rule for the inspection of boilers by the division,~~ for the processing of inspection reports
37 from insurance companies, for the issuing of annual permits to operate boilers and for the
38 commissioning of insurance company boiler inspectors. ~~Such fees shall be established by a rule~~

39 ~~promulgated in accordance with the provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a of this code~~ The
40 commissioner shall propose rules for legislative approval, in accordance with article three, chapter
41 twenty-nine-a of this code for the implementation and enforcement of this section. No fee ~~shall~~
42 may be charged for the inspection of boilers used on mobile equipment or vehicles used for
43 occasional entertainment or display purposes.

44 (e) All fees paid pursuant to this section shall be paid to the Commissioner of Labor and
45 deposited in an appropriated special revenue account hereby created in the State Treasury to be
46 known as the Steam Boiler Fund and expended for the implementation and enforcement of this
47 section. Amounts collected which are found from time to time to exceed funds needed for the
48 purposes set forth in this section may be utilized by the commissioner as needed to meet the
49 division's funding obligations.

ARTICLE 3C. ELEVATOR SAFETY.

§21-3C-11. Disposition of fees; legislative rules.

1 (a) The division shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with ~~the~~
2 ~~provisions of~~ article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code, for the implementation and
3 enforcement of the provisions of this article, which shall provide:

4 (1) Standards, qualifications and procedures for submitting applications, taking
5 examinations and issuing and renewing licenses, certificates of competency and certificates of
6 operation of the three licensure classifications set forth in section ~~ten-(a)~~ ten-a of this article;

7 (2) For the renewal of a license, even if the licensee is unemployed or not working in the
8 industry: *Provided*, That to engage or offer to engage in the business of erecting, constructing,
9 installing, altering, servicing, repairing or maintaining an elevator or related conveyance covered
10 by this article, the licensee shall be a contractor, or be employed by a contractor licensed pursuant
11 to ~~the provisions of section ten-(a)~~ six, article eleven, chapter twenty-one of the code;

12 (3) Qualifications and supervision requirements for elevator apprentices;

13 (4) Provisions for the granting of licenses without examination, to applicants who present
14 satisfactory evidence of having the expertise required to perform work as defined in this article
15 and who apply for licensure on or before July 1, 2010: *Provided*, That if a license issued under
16 the authority of this subsection subsequently lapses, the applicant may, at the discretion of the
17 commissioner, be subject to all licensure requirements, including the examination;

18 (5) Provisions for the granting of emergency licenses in the event of an emergency due to
19 disaster, act of God or work stoppage when the number of persons in the state holding licenses
20 issued pursuant to this article is insufficient to cope with the emergency;

21 (6) Provisions for the granting of temporary licenses in the event that there are no elevator
22 mechanics available to engage in the work of an elevator mechanic as defined by this article;

23 (7) Continuing education requirements;

24 (8) Procedures for investigating complaints and revoking or suspending licenses,
25 certificates of competency and certificates of operation, including appeal procedures;

26 (9) Fees for testing, issuance and renewal of licenses, certificates of competency and
27 certificates of operation, and other costs necessary to administer the provisions of this article;

28 (10) Enforcement procedures; and

29 (11) Any other rules necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article.

30 (b) The rules proposed for promulgation pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall
31 establish the amount of any fee authorized pursuant to the provisions of this article: *Provided*,
32 That in no event may the fees established for the issuance of certificates of operation exceed ~~\$50~~
33 \$90.

34 (c) All fees collected paid pursuant to the provisions of this article shall be paid to the
35 Commissioner of Labor and deposited in an appropriated special revenue account hereby created
36 in the State Treasury known as the Elevator Safety Fund and expended for the implementation
37 and enforcement of this article. ~~:-Provided, That~~ Amounts collected which are found from time to
38 time to exceed funds needed for the purposes set forth in this article may be ~~transferred to other~~

39 ~~accounts or funds and redesignated for other purposes by appropriation of the Legislature~~ utilized
40 by the commissioner as needed to meet the division's funding obligations.

41 (d) The division may enter into agreements with counties and municipalities whereby such
42 counties and municipalities be permitted to retain the inspection fees collected to support the
43 enforcement activities at the local level.

44 (e) The commissioner ~~and his or her deputy commissioner or any compliance officer of~~
45 ~~the division as authorized by the commissioner~~ or his or her authorized representatives may
46 consult with engineering authorities and organizations concerned with standard safety codes,
47 rules and regulations governing the operation, maintenance, servicing, construction, alteration,
48 installation and the qualifications which are adequate, reasonable and necessary for the elevator
49 mechanic and inspector.

ARTICLE 3D. CRANE OPERATOR CERTIFICATION ACT.

§21-3D-8. Crane Operator Certification Fund; fees; disposition of funds.

1 (a) ~~There is hereby established a crane operator certification fund in the State Treasurer's~~
2 ~~office~~ All fees paid pursuant to this article shall be paid to the Commissioner of Labor and
3 deposited in an appropriated special revenue account known as the Crane Operator Certification
4 Fund in the State Treasury and expended for the implementation and enforcement of this article.
5 Amounts collected which are found from time to time to exceed the funds needed for purposes
6 set forth in this article may be utilized by the commissioner as needed to meet the division's
7 funding obligations.

8 (b) The commissioner may set reasonable application fees for the issuance or renewal of
9 certificates and other services associated with crane operator certification.

10 (c)~~(1) The commissioner shall receive and account for all money that is derived pursuant~~
11 ~~to the provisions of this article. The commissioner shall pay all money collected into the crane~~
12 ~~operator certification fund that has been established pursuant to subsection (a), section eight of~~
13 ~~this article, with the exception of money received as fines. This money shall be used exclusively~~

14 ~~by the commissioner for purposes of administration and enforcement of his or her duties pursuant~~
15 ~~to this article.~~

16 ~~(2) Expenditures from the crane operator certification fund shall be for the purposes set~~
17 ~~forth in this article and are not authorized from collections but are to be made only in accordance~~
18 ~~with appropriation by the Legislature in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter~~
19 ~~twelve of this code and upon the fulfillment of the provisions set forth in article two, chapter five-~~
20 ~~a of this code: *Provided*, That for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, expenditures are~~
21 ~~authorized from collections rather than pursuant to an appropriation by the Legislature. Amounts~~
22 ~~collected which are found from time to time to exceed the funds needed for purposes set forth in~~
23 ~~this article may be transferred to other accounts or funds and redesignated for other purposes by~~
24 ~~appropriation of the Legislature~~

ARTICLE 5. WAGE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION.

§21-5-5c. License required for psychophysiological detection of deception examiners; qualifications; promulgation of rules governing administration of psychophysiological detection of deception examinations.

1 (a) No person, firm or corporation shall administer a psychophysiological detection of
2 deception examination, lie detector or other similar examination utilizing mechanical or electronic
3 measures of physiological reactions to evaluate truthfulness without holding a current valid license
4 to do so as issued by the Commissioner of Labor. No examination shall be administered by a
5 licensed corporation except by an officer or employee thereof who is also licensed.

6 (b) A person is qualified to receive a license as an examiner if he or she:

7 (1) Is at least twenty-one years of age;

8 (2) Is a citizen of the United States;

9 (3) Has not been convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or a felony;

10 (4) Has not been released or discharged with other than honorable conditions from any of
11 the armed services of the United States or that of any other nation;

12 (5) Has passed an examination conducted by the Commissioner of Labor or under his or
13 her supervision to determine his or her competency to obtain a license to practice as an examiner;

14 (6) Has satisfactorily completed not less than six months of internship training; and

15 (7) Has met any other qualifications of education or training established by the
16 Commissioner of Labor in his or her sole discretion which qualifications are to be at least as
17 stringent as those recommended by the American Polygraph Association.

18 (c) The Commissioner of Labor may designate and administer any test ~~the commissioner~~
19 he or she considers appropriate to those persons applying for a license to administer
20 psychophysiological detection of deception, lie detector or similar examination. The test shall be
21 designed to ensure that the applicant is thoroughly familiar with the code of ethics of the American
22 Polygraph Association and has been trained in accordance with association rules. The test must
23 also include a rigorous examination of the applicant's knowledge of and familiarity with all aspects
24 of operating psychophysiological detection of deception equipment and administering
25 psychophysiological detection of deception examinations.

26 (d) The license to administer psychophysiological detection of deception, lie detector or
27 similar examinations to any person shall be issued for a period of one year. It may be reissued
28 from year to year. The licenses to be issued are:

29 (1) "Class I license" which authorizes an individual to administer psychophysiological
30 detection of deception examinations for all purposes which are permissible under the provisions
31 of this article and other applicable laws and rules.

32 (2) "Class II license" which authorizes an individual who is a full-time employee of a law-
33 enforcement agency to administer psychophysiological detection of deception examinations to its
34 employees or prospective employees only.

35 (e) The Commissioner of Labor shall charge ~~a fee~~ an annual fee to be established by
36 legislative rule. ~~The fees shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund of the state~~ All fees
37 paid pursuant to this section shall be paid to the Commissioner of Labor and deposited in an

38 appropriated special revenue account hereby created in the State Treasury to be known as the
39 Psychophysiological Examiners Fund and expended for the implementation and enforcement of
40 this section. Amounts collected which are found from time to time to exceed funds needed for the
41 purposes set forth in this section may be utilized by the commissioner as needed to meet the
42 division's funding obligations. In addition to any other information required, an application for a
43 license shall include the applicant's Social Security number.

44 (f) The Commissioner of Labor shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance
45 with ~~the provisions of~~ article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code governing the administration
46 of psychophysiological detection of deception, lie detector or similar examination to any person:
47 *Provided*, That all applicable rules in effect on the effective date of sections five-a, five-b, five-c
48 and five-d of this article will remain in effect until amended, withdrawn, revoked, repealed or
49 replaced. The legislative rules shall include:

50 (1) The type and amount of training or schooling necessary for a person before which he
51 or she may be licensed to administer or interpret a psychophysiological detection of deception,
52 lie detector or similar examination;

53 (2) Testing requirements including the designation of the test to be administered to
54 persons applying for licensure;

55 (3) Standards of accuracy which shall be met by machines or other devices to be used in
56 psychophysiological detection of deception, lie detector or similar examination;

57 (4) The conditions under which a psychophysiological detection of deception, lie detector
58 or similar examination may be administered;

59 (5) Fees for licenses, renewals of licenses and other services provided by the
60 commissioner;

61 (6) Any other qualifications or requirements, including continuing education, established
62 by the commissioner for the issuance or renewal of licenses; and

63 (7) Any other purpose to carry out the requirements of sections five-a, five-b, five-c and
64 five-d of this article.

**ARTICLE 9. MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY
STANDARDS.**

**§21-9-9. License required; fees; form of license; display of license; denial, suspension or
revocation.**

1 (a) No manufacturer, dealer, distributor or contractor shall engage in business in this state
2 without first having applied for and received a license pursuant to this section. The license shall
3 authorize the holder to engage in the business permitted by the license. All license applications
4 shall be accompanied by the required fee and surety bond or other form of assurance or fee
5 assessed in satisfaction of assurance as required by rule or regulation promulgated by the board.

6 (b) All licenses shall be granted or refused within thirty days after proper and complete
7 application. All licenses shall expire on June 30 of each year, unless sooner revoked or
8 suspended. Applications shall be deemed valid for a period of thirty days.

9 (c) The annual license fees shall be in the amounts prescribed from time to time by rules
10 promulgated by the board but in no event less than the following amounts:

11 (1) For manufacturers, \$300;

12 (2) For dealers, \$100;

13 (3) For distributors, \$100; and

14 (4) For contractors, \$50: *Provided*, That if a contractor has met the licensing requirements
15 of this article and the West Virginia Contractor Licensing Act in article eleven of this chapter, has
16 paid the annual license fee under section eight of said article and has furnished bond or other
17 assurance or fee under section ten of this article, he or she shall not be required to pay the annual
18 license fee set forth in this section.

19 (d) The board shall prescribe the form of license and each license shall have affixed
20 thereon the seal of the state Division of Labor.

21 (e) Each licensee shall conspicuously display the license in its established place of
22 business.

23 (f) Pursuant to such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the board, the board
24 may deny the issuance of a license or revoke or suspend any license.

25 (g) ~~All license fees collected shall be deposited in a special account in the State Treasury~~
26 ~~to be known as the "State Manufactured Housing Administration Fund". Expenditures from the~~
27 ~~fund shall be for the administration of the provisions of this article and are not authorized from~~
28 ~~collections but are to be made only in accordance with appropriation by the Legislature and in~~
29 ~~accordance with the provisions of article two, chapter eleven b of this code: *Provided*, That for~~
30 ~~the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 expenditures are authorized from collections rather than~~
31 ~~pursuant to appropriation by the Legislature. All fees paid pursuant to this article shall be paid to~~
32 ~~the Commissioner of Labor and deposited in an appropriated special revenue account in the State~~
33 ~~Treasury to be known as the State Manufactured Housing Administration Fund. Expenditures~~
34 ~~from the fund shall be for the administration and enforcement of this article. Amounts collected~~
35 ~~which are found from time to time to exceed funds needed for the purposes set forth in this article~~
36 ~~may be utilized by the commissioner as needed to meet the division's funding obligations.~~

ARTICLE 10. AMUSEMENT RIDES AND AMUSEMENT ATTRACTIONS SAFETY ACT.

§21-10-4. Inspection and permit fees.

1 (a) The division shall charge inspection and permit fees. The annual permit fee is \$100 for
2 each ride or attraction. The annual inspection fee, if an inspection is to be done by the division, is
3 \$100 for each ride or attraction. The annual inspection fee, if an inspection is to be done by the
4 division, is due at the time of application for the annual permit. The division shall waive the
5 inspection fee for any ride or attraction whose owner provides proof of nonprofit business status

6 or for any ride or attraction whose owner provides proof that an inspection has been completed
7 within the last year by a certified special inspector as provided in section six of this article.

8 (b) The division may charge additional inspection fees equal to the annual inspection fee
9 for additional inspections required as the result of the condemnation of a device for safety
10 standards violations and for inspections required as a result of accidents involving serious or fatal
11 injury. If any owner or operator requires an inspection as the result of a violation of the permitting
12 requirements of section six of this article, the division shall charge the owner or operator \$75 per
13 hour in addition to the established inspection fee, including travel time.

14 ~~(c) All fees received shall be deposited in a special revenue account in the State Treasury~~
15 ~~known as the "Amusement Rides and Amusement Attractions Safety Fund". The Division may~~
16 ~~use moneys from the fund for the purpose of and enforcement of the provisions of this article.~~
17 ~~Expenditures are not authorized from collections, but are to be made only in accordance with~~
18 ~~appropriation by the Legislature and in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter~~
19 ~~twelve of this code and upon fulfillment of the provisions of article two, chapter eleven-b of this~~
20 ~~code~~ All fees paid pursuant to this article shall be paid to the Commissioner of Labor and
21 deposited in an appropriated special revenue account in the State Treasury known as the
22 Amusement Rides and Amusement Attractions Safety Fund and expended for the implementation
23 and enforcement of this article. Amounts collected which are found from time to time to exceed
24 funds needed for the purposes set forth in this article may be utilized by the commissioner as
25 needed to meet the division's funding obligations.

26 (d) No inspection fee may be charged public agencies.

27 (e) The division shall issue, and the owner, operator or both of the amusement rides and
28 amusement attractions shall visibly display to the public, inspection stickers denoting and
29 signifying that the inspection and permit fee authorized by this section has been paid or waived.

ARTICLE 11. WEST VIRGINIA CONTRACTOR LICENSING ACT.

§21-11-17. Recordkeeping; fees.

1 (a) The division shall keep a record of all actions taken and account for moneys received.
2 ~~All moneys shall be deposited in a special account in the State Treasury to be known as the "West~~
3 ~~Virginia Contractor Licensing Board Fund". Expenditures from said fund shall be for the purposes~~
4 ~~set forth in this article and are not authorized from collections but are to be made only in~~
5 ~~accordance with appropriation by the Legislature and in accordance with the provisions of article~~
6 ~~three, chapter twelve of this code and upon the fulfillment of the provisions set forth in article two,~~
7 ~~chapter five-a of this code: *Provided*, That for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, expenditures~~
8 ~~are authorized from collections rather than pursuant to an appropriation by the Legislature All fees~~
9 ~~paid pursuant to this article shall be paid to the Commissioner of Labor and deposited in an~~
10 ~~appropriated special revenue account in the State Treasury to be known as the West Virginia~~
11 ~~Contractor Licensing Board Fund and expended for the implementation and enforcement of this~~
12 ~~article. Amounts collected which are found from time to time to exceed the funds needed for~~
13 ~~purposes set forth in this article may be transferred to other accounts or funds and redesignated~~
14 ~~for other purposes by appropriation of the Legislature utilized by the commissioner as needed to~~
15 ~~meet the division's funding obligations.~~

16 (b) The division shall maintain at ~~the~~ its principal office, open for public inspection during
17 regular office hours, a complete indexed record of all applications, licenses issued, licenses
18 renewed and all revocations, cancellations and suspensions of licenses. Applications shall show
19 the date of application, name, qualifications, place of business and place of residence of each
20 applicant; and whether the application was approved or refused.

21 (c) (1) All investigations, complaints, reports, records, proceedings and other information
22 received by the commissioner and board and related to complaints made to the commissioner or
23 board or investigations conducted by the commissioner or board pursuant to this article, including
24 the identity of the complainant or respondent, shall be confidential and shall not be knowingly and
25 improperly disclosed by any member or former member of the board, the commissioner or staff,
26 except as follows:

27 (A) Upon a finding that probable cause exists to believe that a respondent has violated
28 the provisions of this article, the complaint and all reports, records, nonprivileged and
29 nondeliberative materials introduced at any probable cause hearing held pursuant to the
30 complaint are thereafter not confidential: *Provided*, That confidentiality of such information shall
31 remain in full force and effect until the respondent has been served with a copy of the statement
32 of charges.

33 (B) Any subsequent hearing held in the matter for the purpose of receiving evidence or
34 the arguments of the parties or their representatives shall be open to the public and all reports,
35 records and nondeliberative materials introduced into evidence at such subsequent hearing, as
36 well as the board's and commissioner's orders, are not confidential.

37 (C) The commissioner or board may release any information relating to an investigation
38 at any time if the release has been agreed to in writing by the respondent.

39 (D) The complaint as well as the identity of the complainant shall be disclosed to a person
40 named as respondent in any such complaint filed immediately upon such respondent's request.

41 (E) Where the commissioner or board is otherwise required by the provisions of this article
42 to disclose such information or to proceed in such a manner that disclosure is necessary and
43 required to fulfill such requirements.

44 (2) If, in a specific case, the commissioner or board finds that there is a reasonable
45 likelihood that the dissemination of information or opinion in connection with a pending or
46 imminent proceeding will interfere with a fair hearing or otherwise prejudice the due administration
47 of justice, the commissioner or board shall order that all or a portion of the information
48 communicated to the commissioner or board to cause an investigation and all allegations of
49 violations or misconduct contained in a complaint shall be confidential, and the person providing
50 such information or filing a complaint shall be bound to confidentiality until further order of the
51 board.

52 (d) If any person violates the provisions of subsection (c) of this section by knowingly and
53 willfully disclosing any information made confidential by such section or by the commissioner or
54 board, such person ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be
55 fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000, or ~~imprisoned in the county~~ confined in jail not
56 more than one month, or both fined and ~~imprisoned~~ confined.

57 (e) The commissioner shall certify to the State Auditor and to the board a detailed
58 statement of all moneys received and spent during the preceding fiscal year.

ARTICLE 14. SUPERVISION OF PLUMBING WORK.

§21-14-9. Disposition of fees.

1 All fees paid pursuant to ~~the provisions of this article~~ shall be paid to the Commissioner of
2 Labor and deposited in a special revenue account ~~with the State Treasurer for the use of the~~
3 ~~Commissioner of Labor to enforce the provisions of this article.~~ in the State Treasury to be known
4 as the Plumbing Work Fund and expended for the implementation and enforcement of this article.
5 Amounts collected which are found from time to time to exceed funds needed for the purposes
6 set forth in this article may be utilized by the commissioner as needed to meet the division's
7 funding obligations.

ARTICLE 15. ZIPLINE AND CANOPY TOUR RESPONSIBILITY ACT.

§21-15-7. Inspection and permit fees.

1 (a) The division shall charge inspection and permit fees. The annual permit fee is \$100 for
2 each zipline or canopy tour.

3 (1) The annual inspection fee, if an inspection is to be done by the division, is \$100 for
4 each zipline or canopy tour.

5 (2) The annual inspection fee, if an inspection is to be done by the division, is due at the
6 time of application for the annual permit.

7 (3) The division shall waive the inspection fee for a zipline or canopy tour whose operator
8 provides proof of nonprofit business status or for any zipline or canopy tour whose operator
9 provides proof that an inspection has been completed within the last year by a certified special
10 inspector as provided in section nine of this article.

11 (b) The division may charge additional inspection fees equal to the annual inspection fee
12 for additional inspections required as the result of the condemnation of a device for safety
13 standards violations and for inspections required as a result of accidents involving serious or fatal
14 injury. If any operator requires an inspection as the result of a violation of the permitting
15 requirements of section nine of this article, the division shall charge the operator \$75 per hour in
16 addition to the established inspection fee, including travel time.

17 ~~(c) All fees received shall be deposited in a special revenue account in the State Treasury~~
18 ~~known as the "Amusement Rides and Amusement Attractions Safety Fund". The Division may~~
19 ~~use moneys from the fund for the purpose of enforcement of the provisions of this article.~~
20 ~~Expenditures are not authorized from collections, but are to be made only in accordance with~~
21 ~~appropriation by the Legislature and in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter~~
22 ~~twelve of this code and upon fulfillment of the provisions of article two, chapter eleven b of this~~
23 ~~code. All fees paid pursuant to this article shall be paid to the Commissioner of Labor and~~
24 ~~deposited in an appropriated special revenue account in the State Treasury known as the~~
25 ~~Amusement Rides and Amusement Attractions Safety Fund and expended for the implementation~~
26 ~~and enforcement of this article. Amounts collected which are found from time to time to exceed~~
27 ~~funds needed for the purposes set forth in this article may be utilized by the commissioner as~~
28 ~~needed to meet the division's funding obligations.~~

29 (d) No inspection fee may be charged public agencies.

ARTICLE 16. REGULATION OF HEATING, VENTILATING AND COOLING WORK.

§21-16-10. Disposition of fees.

1 All fees paid pursuant to this article shall be paid to the Commissioner of Labor and
2 deposited in ~~“West Virginia Contractor Licensing Board Fund” for the use of the Commissioner of~~
3 ~~Labor in a manner consistent with section seventeen, article eleven, chapter twenty-one of this~~
4 ~~Code~~ an appropriated special revenue account hereby created in the State Treasury to be known
5 as the HVAC Fund and expended for the implementation and enforcement of this article. Amounts
6 collected which are found from time to time to exceed funds needed for the purposes set forth in
7 this article may be utilized by the commissioner as needed to meet the division’s funding
8 obligations.

CHAPTER 47. REGULATION OF TRADE.

ARTICLE 1. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

§47-1-8. Requirements for the registration of service persons and service agencies for commercial weighing and measuring devices.

1 (a) The uniform regulation for the voluntary registration of service persons and service
2 agencies for commercial weighing and measuring devices as adopted by The National
3 Conference of Weights and Measures and published in the National Institute of Standards and
4 Technology Handbook 130, Uniform Laws and Regulations and supplements thereto or revisions
5 thereof, shall apply to the registration of service persons and service agencies in the state, except
6 insofar as modified or rejected by legislative rule.

7 (b) Beginning January 1, 2018, the commissioner shall charge an annual registration fee
8 for service persons and service agencies to be established by legislative rule. The commissioner
9 may file an emergency rule prior to January 1, 2018, to implement and administer the
10 amendments made to this section during the 2017 regular session. The commissioner may also
11 propose rules for legislative approval, in accordance with article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of
12 this code for the implementation and enforcement of this section.

13 (c) All fees paid pursuant to this section shall be paid to the Commissioner of Labor and
14 deposited in the Weights and Measures Fund for use by the commissioner for the implementation
15 and enforcement of this article. Amounts collected which are found from time to time to exceed
16 funds needed for the purposes set forth in this article may be utilized by the commissioner as
17 needed to meet the division's funding obligations.

§47-1-20. State measurement laboratory.

1 (a) The commissioner shall operate and maintain a state measurement laboratory certified
2 and approved by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The laboratory shall be used
3 to both house and maintain the state primary standards and secondary standards as traceable to
4 the national standards and to test or calibrate any secondary or working standards which are
5 submitted for test as required by this article.

6 (b) The commissioner shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter twenty-nine-a of this
7 code to assess fees for weights and measures laboratory calibration and testing. ~~All fees collected~~
8 ~~by the commissioner of labor under the provisions of this section shall be deposited into a special~~
9 ~~revenue account in the State Treasury to be known as the "Weights and Measures Fund" The~~
10 ~~moneys in the fund shall be used by the commissioner solely for the enforcement of this article.~~
11 ~~The commissioner is hereby authorized to allocate moneys from the weights and measures fund~~
12 ~~to enforce the provisions of this article without legislative appropriation of moneys from the fund~~
13 ~~until June 30, 2006. Effective July 1, 2006, no moneys may be expended from the fund except by~~
14 ~~legislative appropriation.~~ All fees paid pursuant to this section shall be paid to the Commissioner
15 of Labor and deposited into an appropriated special revenue account in the State Treasury to be
16 known as the Weights and Measures Fund and expended for the implementation and
17 enforcement of this article. Amounts collected which are found from time to time to exceed the
18 funds needed for the purposes set forth in this article may be utilized by the commissioner as
19 needed to meet the division's funding obligations.

20 (c) The commissioner shall provide such personnel as required to operate the laboratory
21 in a manner which is consistent with the needs of this article. Personnel shall be trained and
22 certified to perform all such calibrations and tests as required by the ~~national institute of standards~~
23 ~~and technology~~ National Institute of Standards and Technology to maintain traceability of the state
24 standards to national standards, and to properly maintain the laboratory facility as certified and
25 traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

§47-1-21. Registration of business.

1 (a) On or before October 1, 1994, every commercial business in the state which, in the
2 course of conducting business, utilizes weights, measures and weighing and measuring devices
3 covered by this article shall obtain a certificate of device registration for the commercial devices
4 covered by this article, from the division. After October 1, 1994, it shall be unlawful in the state to
5 conduct business subject to the provisions of this article without having first obtained a certificate
6 of device registration from the division. Application for a certificate of device registration shall be
7 made on a form provided by the division.

8 (b) A certificate of device registration is valid for twelve months from the date of issue. The
9 certificate of device registration shall be posted within the place of business.

10 (c) Application for the renewal of a certificate of device registration shall be made on a
11 form provided by the division at least thirty days prior to the renewal due date. The commissioner
12 may deny the renewal of device registration for cause where the cause is the result of the
13 conviction of the applicant, in a court of competent jurisdiction, for a violation of this article.

14 (d) Beginning January 1, 2018, the division shall charge an annual device registration fee,
15 to be established by legislative rule. The commissioner may file an emergency rule prior to
16 January 1, 2018, to implement and administer the amendments made to this section during the
17 2017 regular session. The commissioner may also propose rules for legislative approval, in
18 accordance with article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code for the implementation and
19 enforcement of this section.

20 (e) All fees paid pursuant to this section shall be paid to the Commissioner of Labor and
21 deposited in the Weights and Measures Fund for use by the commissioner for the implementation
22 and enforcement of this article. Amounts collected which are found from time to time to exceed
23 funds needed for the purposes set forth in this article may be utilized by the commissioner as
24 needed to meet the division's funding obligations.

§47-1-22. Civil penalties.

1 (a) No person shall may:

2 (1) Use or have in possession for use in commerce any incorrect weight or measure;

3 (2) Sell or offer for sale for use in commerce any incorrect weight or measure;

4 (3) Remove any tag, seal or mark from any weight or measure, without specific
5 authorization from the Weights and Measures Section; or

6 (4) Violate any provisions of this article or rules promulgated under it, not defined in
7 subsection (a), section twenty-three of this article.

8 (b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this section or any rule promulgated by the
9 commissioner may be assessed a civil penalty by the commissioner, which penalty ~~shall~~ may not
10 be more than \$1,000 for each violation. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense. In
11 determining the amount of the penalty, the commissioner shall consider the person's history of
12 previous violations, the appropriateness of such penalty to the size of the business of the person
13 charged, the gravity of the violation and the demonstrated good faith of the person charged in
14 attempting to achieve rapid compliance after notification of a violation.

15 (c) All civil penalties paid pursuant to this section shall be paid to the Commissioner of
16 Labor and deposited in the Weights and Measures Fund for use by the commissioner for the
17 implementation and enforcement of this article. Amounts collected which are found from time to
18 time to exceed funds needed for the purposes set forth in this article may be utilized by the
19 commissioner as needed to meet the division's funding obligations.

20 (d) A civil penalty may be assessed by the commissioner only after the commissioner ~~shall~~
21 ~~have~~ has given at least ten days' notice to the person. Notice shall be in writing, shall contain a
22 short, plain statement of the matter asserted and shall designate a time and place for a hearing
23 where the person may show cause why the civil penalty should not be imposed. Notice of hearing
24 shall be sent by ~~registered~~ certified mail. The person may, at the time designated for the hearing,
25 produce evidence on his or her behalf and be represented by ~~council~~ counsel.

26 (e) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the commissioner ~~shall have~~ has the right to a
27 contested case hearing under ~~the provisions of~~ article five, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code, *et*
28 *seq.*

**ARTICLE 1A. REGULATION AND CONTROL OF BEDDING AND UPHOLSTERY
BUSINESSES.**

§47-1A-10. Sterilization processes; annual permits. fees

1 (1) ~~(a)~~ (a) Any sterilization process used in connection herewith shall be approved by the
2 commissioner. Every person desiring to operate such sterilization process shall first obtain a
3 numbered permit from the commissioner and shall not operate such process unless such permit
4 is kept conspicuously posted in his or her establishment. ~~The fee for an original permit shall be~~
5 ~~\$25~~ Application for such permit shall be accompanied by the specifications for the sterilization
6 process to be employed by the applicant, in such form as the commissioner shall require. Such
7 permit shall expire one year from date of issue ~~and the fee for annual renewal of the sterilization~~
8 ~~permit shall be \$10.~~

9 ~~(2) Every application for a sterilization permit to be held in a state other than West Virginia~~
10 ~~shall be approved only after personal inspection of the applicant's sterilizer or disinfecter by the~~
11 ~~commissioner or an authorized employee of the bedding division of the department. The~~
12 ~~expenses for such inspections out of the state shall be paid by the applicant~~

13 ~~(3) (b)~~ The commissioner may revoke or suspend any permit for violation of the provisions
14 of this article. Upon notification of such revocation or suspension, the person to whom the permit
15 was issued, or his or her successor or assignee, shall forthwith return such permit to the
16 commissioner. ~~For reissuing a revoked or expired permit, the fee shall be the same as for an~~
17 ~~original permit.~~

§47-1A-14. Annual registration and permit fees.

1 (a) The annual registration fee for all manufacturers shipping or selling articles of bedding
2 and for upholsterers or renovators, as defined in this article, in the State of West Virginia shall be
3 \$50 \$90, payable on the first day of the fiscal year. Any manufacturer, upholsterer or renovator
4 who submits an annual registration fee on or after July 16 shall pay a \$25 late fee in addition to
5 the annual fee.

6 ~~(b) The annual registration fee for an upholsterer or renovator of articles of bedding, as~~
7 ~~defined in this article, in the State of West Virginia shall be \$10, payable on the first day of the~~
8 ~~fiscal year. The annual sterilizer permit fee shall be \$90, payable on the first day of the fiscal year.~~
9 Any sterilizer who submits an annual permit fee on or after July 16 shall pay a \$25 late fee in
10 addition to the annual fee.

11 (c) The fee for reissuing a revoked or expired registration or permit shall be \$90.

12 (d) All fees paid pursuant to this article shall be paid to the Commissioner of Labor and
13 deposited in an appropriated special revenue account hereby created in the State Treasury to be
14 known as the Bedding and Upholstery Fund and expended for the implementation and
15 enforcement of this article. Amounts collected which are found from time to time to exceed funds
16 needed for the purposes set forth in this article may be utilized by the commissioner as needed
17 to meet the division's funding obligations.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the creation of special revenue accounts in the State Treasury for the deposit of Division of Labor fees, and to authorize the commissioner utilize excess funds in new and existing special revenue accounts to meet the division's funding obligations when necessary. This bill specifically authorizes the division to charge fees for the registration of service persons, service agencies, and businesses that use weighing and measuring devices for commercial purposes, authorizes the commissioner to promulgate an emergency legislative rule regarding such fees, and authorizes the division to deposit such fees and certain other fees in the Weights and Measures Fund. This bill authorizes the increase of permitting fees for sterilizers and the increase of registration fees for bedding manufacturers, upholsterers and renovators.

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