

## Regulatory Board Review: West Virginia Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technology Board of Examiners

### PERD's Objectives:

To determine the continued need for the Board, to assess the Board's compliance with the general provisions of Chapter 30 and other applicable laws, to determine if the Board's fees generate excessive revenue when compared to its normal expenses, to evaluate the Board's website for user-friendliness and transparency, and to determine if the Board has adequate oversight of the recovery program for impaired professionals provided by the West Virginia Pharmacist Recovery Network (WVPRN).

### Key Recommendations:

*The Legislature should consider consolidating the Board with the West Virginia Board of Medicine or another health-related state agency.*

*The Legislature should consider requiring all radiologic professionals be certified by the appropriate national credentialing organization.*

*The Board should promulgate legislative rules for the recovery network services it receives from the WVPRN and revisit the contract between the Board and the WVPRN to include specific requirements and procedures as stated in the rule.*

### Agency Purposes:

The purpose of the Board is to promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of West Virginians by licensing individuals who use ionizing radiation as medical imaging professionals.

### What Did PERD Find?

PERD determines that there is a need to maintain some form of regulation over these professions; however, regulating through a stand-alone board is less economical. While many states use boards to regulate the radiologic professions, most are consolidated within another health-related state agency or their respective Board of Medicine. Therefore, **PERD recommends the Legislature continue the Board, but consider consolidating it within the West Virginia Board of Medicine or another health-related state agency.**

**Table 2**  
**Types of Agencies in Other States**  
**that Regulate Radiologic Professions**

Type of Regulatory Agency	Number of States*
No State or National Credential	7
Stand-alone Board	5
Board of Medicine	6
Health/Environment Agency	17
Licensing of Health/Occupational Professions (Umbrella)	16

*Sources: PERD compilation of individual state regulatory agency websites and legislation of the states.*

*\*Includes the District of Columbia.*

PERD also found the following:

- The Board complies with most general provisions of Chapter 30 of West Virginia Code.
- During the 2022 legislative session, the Legislature reduced the Board's fees. After a review of the Board's fee structure, PERD determines that the fee reductions were sufficient to eliminate excess revenue from being generated.
- The Board's website needs modest improvement to enhance user-friendliness and transparency.
- The Board should promulgate legislative rules for the recovery network services it receives from the WVPRN and revisit the contract between the Board and the WVPRN to include specific requirements and procedures as stated in the rule.