WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2019 REGULAR SESSION

Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 2204

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[Introduced January 10, 2019; Referred

to the Committee on Government Organization then the

Judiciary.]

- 1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
- 2 designated §30-1-22, relating to prohibiting state licensing boards from hiring lobbyists;
- 3 and declaring that the director, board counsel and appointed board members of each
- 4 board may lobby on behalf of the board.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STATE BOARDS OF

EXAMINATION OR REGISTRATION REFERRED TO IN CHAPTER.

§30-1-22. Lobbying.

- 1 No board may employ or contract with any person whose job functions or obligations
- 2 include lobbying on behalf of the board: *Provided*, That the director, board counsel and appointed
- 3 <u>board members may lobby on behalf of the board.</u>

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit state licensing boards from hiring lobbyists; and declare that the director, board counsel and appointed board members of each board may lobby on behalf of the board.

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