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House Bill 5033

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Miller, Masters, Ridenour, and Anders

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Committee on Government Organization then the
Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended by adding a new section
2 designated §29A-3-21, relating generally to the Pro-growth Regulatory Reform Act;
3 providing that any proposed that costs more than \$500,000 over a five year period needs
4 legislative approval; and exempting emergency rules.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 3. RULE MAKING.

§29A-3-21. Pro-growth regulatory reform act

1 (a) Notwithstanding any other law, if a proposed rule is estimated to increase regulatory
2 costs in this state by more than \$500,000 within five years after implementation, the proposed rule
3 may not become effective until the legislature enacts legislation ratifying the proposed rule.

4 (b) The agency shall submit the proposed rule to the Legislative Rule-making Review
5 Committee no later than 30 days before the next regular legislative session. The committee must
6 submit the proposed rule to the legislature as soon as practicable.

7 (c) Any member of the legislature may introduce legislation to ratify the proposed rule.

8 (d) The agency may not file a final rule with the secretary of state before obtaining
9 legislative approval of the rule through legislation ratifying the proposed rule. If the legislature does
10 not enact legislation to ratify the proposed rule during the current legislative session, the agency
11 shall terminate the proposed rulemaking by publishing a notice of termination in the register.

12 (e) This section does not apply to emergency rules adopted pursuant to §29A-3-15 of this
13 code.

14 (f) Beginning on the effective date of this section, a rule prescribed by subsection (a) of this
15 section is void.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create the Pro-growth Regulatory Reform Act.

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