

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 264

BY Senator Rucker

[Introduced on January 15, 2026; referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary]

- 1 A BILL to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
2 authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule
3 relating to requirements governing water quality standards.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION TO PROMULGATE LEGISLATIVE RULES.**

§64-3-1. Department of Environmental Protection.

- 1 The legislative rule filed in the State Register on July 24, 2025, authorized under the
2 authority of §22-11-4 of this code, modified by the Department of Environmental Protection to meet
3 the objections of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee and refiled in the State Register
4 on December 29, 2025, relating to the Division of Water and Waste Management (requirements
5 governing water quality standards, [47 CSR 02](#)), is authorized.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Division of Water and Waste Management to promulgate a legislative rule relating to requirements governing water quality standards.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.