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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

AGENCY: Social Work Examiners TITLE-SERIES: 25-07

RULE TYPE: Legislative Amendment to Existing Rule: Yes Repeal of existing rule: No

RULE NAME: Code of Ethics

CITE STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 30-30-6

COMMENTS LIMITED TO:

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DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING:

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PLEASE INDICATE IF THIS FILING INCLUDES:

RELEVANT FEDERAL STATUTES OR REGULATIONS: No

(IF YES, PLEASE UPLOAD IN THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FIELD)

INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE: No

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PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE CONTENT OF THE RULE:

This revision updates the rule to comply with the revised Code of Ethics adopted by the National Association of Social Workers in August 2017.

SUMMARIZE IN A CLEAR AND CONCISE MANNER CONTENTS OF CHANGES IN THE RULE AND A STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING THE RULE:

The change is a date reference updating the rule from previous Code of Ethics adopted in January 2009. The changes in the newly adopted Code of Ethics address expected professional behaviors of social workers as it relates to technology and the use of social media in interactions with clients and client records.

SUMMARIZE IN A CLEAR AND CONCISE MANNER THE OVERALL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

A. ECONOMIC IMPACT ON REVENUES OF STATE GOVERNMENT:

No impact

B. ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE RULE ON THE STATE OR ITS RESIDENTS:

No impact

C. FISCAL NOTE DETAIL:

Effect of Proposal	Fiscal Year		
	2018 Increase/Decrease (use "-")	2019 Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Fiscal Year (Upon Full Implementation)
1. Estimated Total Cost	0	0	0
Personal Services	0	0	0
Current Expenses	0	0	0
Repairs and Alterations	0	0	0
Assets	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
2. Estimated Total Revenues	0	0	0

D. EXPLANATION OF ABOVE ESTIMATES (INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT):

BY CHOOSING 'YES', I ATTEST THAT THE PREVIOUS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Yes

Vickie L James -- By my signature, I certify that I am the person authorized to file legislative rules, in accordance with West Virginia Code §29A-3-11 and §39A-3-2.

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TITLE 25
LEGISLATIVE RULE
WV BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

SERIES 7
CODE OF ETHICS

§25-7-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- This rule specifies the West Virginia Board of Social Work ~~adaptation~~ adoption of the NASW Code of Ethics

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §30-30-6.

1.3. Filing Date. -- ~~June 4, 2013.~~

1.4. Effective Date. -- ~~July 1, 2013.~~

1.5. Sunset Provision: This rule shall terminate and have no further force or effect upon the expiration of ten years from its effective date.

§25-7-2. Code of Ethics.

2.1. The Board adopts the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics, in the version effective ~~January 1, 2009, August 4, 2017,~~ and incorporates it by reference.

2.2. The Board may take disciplinary action against a licensee who fails to comply with this Code of Ethics.