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**NOTICE OF AGENCY APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED RULE AND FILING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE RULE-
MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE**

AGENCY: Social Work Examiners TITLE-SERIES: 25-07
RULE TYPE: Legislative Amendment to Existing Rule: Yes Repeal of existing rule: No
RULE NAME: 25-07 Code of Ethics

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CITE STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 30-30-6

EXPLANATION OF THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE LEGISLATIVE RULE, INCLUDING A DETAILED SUMMARY OF THE EFFECT OF EACH PROVISION OF THE LEGISLATIVE RULE WITH CITATION TO THE SPECIFIC STATUTORY PROVISION WHICH EMPOWERS THE AGENCY TO ENACT SUCH RULE PROVISION:

The change to this rule updates the date reference of the Code of Ethics adopted and implemented by the National Association of Social Workers. It is necessary as compliance with the Code of Ethics is referenced in the Board's rules which address complaint proceedings -25CSR6. Defined expectations of professional conduct for social workers are the basis of protecting the public.

DATE eFiled FOR NOTICE OF HEARING OR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 6/15/2018

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING(S) OR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDED: 7/16/2018

COMMENTS RECEIVED: Yes

(IF YES, PLEASE UPLOAD IN THE COMMENTS RECEIVED FIELD COMMENTS RECEIVED AND RESPONSES TO COMMENTS)

PUBLIC HEARING: No

(IF YES, PLEASE UPLOAD IN THE PUBLIC HEARING FIELD PERSONS WHO APPEARED AT THE HEARING(S) AND TRANSCRIPTS)

RELEVANT FEDERAL STATUTES OR REGULATIONS: No

WHAT OTHER NOTICE, INCLUDING ADVERTISING, DID YOU GIVE OF THE HEARING?

Notice was listed on the Board web page, and notice was also sent to the WV Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and the list serve overseen by WV University. As a result of the recommendation of the one comment received, modification was made to the date of implementation.

SUMMARY OF THE CONTENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE RULE, AND A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RULE'S PURPOSE AND ALL PROPOSED CHANGES TO 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 and which became effective January 1, 2018.

STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH REQUIRE THE RULE:

The change is a date reference updating the rule from the previous Code of Ethics adopted in January 2009. The changes in the newly adopted Code 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 LEGISLATIVE RULE:

A. ECONOMIC IMPACT ON REVENUES OF STATE GOVERNMENT:

There is no impact

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

There is 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,~~ January 1, 2018 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.