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**NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE**

AGENCY: West Virginia Board of Social Work TITLE NUMBER: 25

RULE TYPE: Legislative CITE AUTHORITY: §30-30-6

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES ☐ NO ☒

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: Series 7

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: Series 7: Code of Ethics

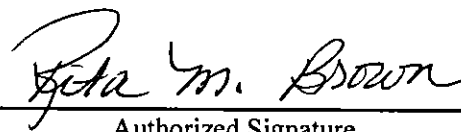
IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON JAN. 22, 2013 AT 12:00pm ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.

  
Authorized Signature

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

**WV Board of Social Work (Name Changed by 2011 WV Code §30-30)**  
State Capitol Complex-Main Building-West Basement Room WB9  
304-558-8816 or 304-558-2988      Contact: Judith Williams

**Brief Summary of Revision**

Rule Title: **CODE OF ETHICS Title 25 Series 7**

*To reduce Series 1 into separate Series titles, per Legislative Rule Making Review Counsel and as granted under the WV Code §30-30-6 effective March 18, 2011.*

The Code of Ethics, originally cited in Series 1 §25-1-4, has been removed from initial filing and is now by itself as Series 7. This change was made per Legislative Rule Making Review Counsel.

**End of Summary**

WV BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK  
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**Legislative Rule Revision: Title 25 Series 7 “Code of Ethics.”**

**STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH REQUIRE THIS RULE**

To include and revise provisions set forth in the newer edition of the WV Code §30-30 that require detail and authority to be included in legislative Rules.

These actions follow several years of communication and meetings with representatives of major West Virginia employers, of social service workers, members of the Board and social work educators from WV social work departments.

**End of Circumstance Statement**

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TITLE 25  
LEGISLATIVE RULE  
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SERIES 7  
CODE OF ETHICS

CHRISTINE W. GINA  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**§25-7-1. General.**

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

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

1.3. Filing Date. -- December 18, 2012

1.4. Effective Date. -- ~~July 1, 2002~~

**§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, 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.

**FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES**

Rule Title: Code of Ethics - Title 25 Series 7

Type of Rule: ☒ Legislative ☐ Interpretive ☐ Procedural

Agency: WV Board of Social Work

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**Fiscal Note Summary**

Summarize in a clear and concise manner what impact this measure will have on costs and revenues of state government.

This rule in itself is not expected to have impact on revenue.

**Fiscal Note Detail**

Show over-all effect in Item 1 and 2 and, in Item 3, give an explanation of Breakdown by fiscal year, including long-range effect.

| FISCAL YEAR                 |                                     |                                  |                                        |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Effect of Proposal          | Current Increase/Decrease (use "-") | Next Increase/Decrease (use "-") | Fiscal Year (Upon Full Implementation) |
| 1. Estimated Total Cost     | 0.00                                | 0.00                             | 0.00                                   |
| Personal Services           | 0.00                                | 0.00                             | 0.00                                   |
| Current Expenses            | 0.00                                | 0.00                             | 0.00                                   |
| Repairs & Alterations       | 0.00                                | 0.00                             | 0.00                                   |
| Assets                      |                                     |                                  |                                        |
| Other                       | 0.00                                | 0.00                             | 0.00                                   |
| 2. Estimated Total Revenues | 0.00                                | 0.00                             | 0.00                                   |

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**3. Explanation of above estimates (including long-range effect):**

Please include any increase or decrease in fees in your estimated total revenues.

No fee increase/decrease expected.

**MEMORANDUM**

Please identify any areas of vagueness, technical defects, reasons the proposed rule would not have a fiscal impact, and/or any special issues not captured elsewhere on this form.

This rule defines the adaptation of the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics.

Date: December 20, 2012

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative

