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RULE TYPE **Legislative** AMENDMENT TO EXISTING RULE **Yes** TITLE-SERIES **27-02**  
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CITE AUTHORITY **30-31**

COMMENTS LIMITED TO  
**Written**

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD ENDS  
**Thursday, August 25, 2016 12:00 PM**

WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE MAILED TO  
**WBEC-Comments**  
**815 Quarrier Street, Suite 212**  
**Charleston, WV 25301**

BY CHOOSING 'YES', I ATTEST THAT THE PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

**Yes**  
**Roxanne E Clay -- 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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**PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL**

**The Board has acquired additional expenses that were not budgeted for in previous years. The Board must pay these expenses in order to continue to operate and to be in compliance with state regulations. Additionally, without a fee increase, the Board will be unable to continue to carry out its statutory duties.**

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SUMMARIZE IN A CLEAR AND CONCISE MANNER WHAT IMPACT THIS MEASURE WILL HAVE ON COSTS AND REVENUES OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

**Since WVBECC is a non-appropriated board, all fees are collected from licensees, applicants and sponsors of continuing education. Therefore, there is no cost to state government.**

**Since WVBECC is a non-appropriated board, all revenues are used for the board's operating costs, therefore, there is no impact on state government.**

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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.

Effect Of Proposal	Current Increase/Decrease (use ' - ')	Next Increase/Decrease (use ' - ')	Fiscal Year (Upon Full Implementation)
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	0	0	
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	
CURRENT EXPENSES	0	0	
REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS	0	0	
ASSETS	0	0	
OTHER	0	0	
ESTIMATED TOTAL REVENUES	0	0	

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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.

**N/A**

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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.

**The Board's main revenue comes from the renewal fees of the Licensed Professional Counselors-LPC. The non-renewal fees collected on a yearly basis have basically been the same for the last several years.**

**The proposed fee increases will not take effect until July 1, 2017; however, the Board will not see the increase from the LPC license renewal fee until June 2019.**

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**FORM 12 -- BRIEF SUMMARY AND STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES (Page 1)**

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

The Board has acquired additional expenses that were not budgeted for in previous years. (See 'Supporting Document' for further description.) A Finance Committee was formed in February, 2016 to establish a Board budget that is solvent and stable moving forward. It was determined an additional \$34,645 is needed annually to continue to operate and fulfill its mission in the protection of the public. The Board has addressed this deficit by proposing an increase in license renewal and non-renewal fees. Without a fee increase, the Board will be unable to continue to carry out its statutory duties.

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**Yes**  
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TITLE 27  
LEGISLATIVE RULE  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING

SERIES 2  
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR FEES RULE

**§27-2-1. General.**

1.1. Scope. -- This rule establishes fee requirements related to the licensing of professional counselors, renewal of the licenses, and application and monitoring of continuing professional education providers and their programs.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §30-31-6.

1.3. Filing Date. -- ~~April 26, 2010.~~

1.4. Effective Date. -- ~~July 1, 2010.~~

1.5. Sunset Provision Date. -- Ten years from effective date from passage.

**§27-2-2. Fee Schedule.**

2.1. Fees paid to the Board are not refundable.

2.2. Fees, with the exception of those for examination, are payable to the West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling (WVBEC).

2.3. Fees.

2.3.a. Initial application for licensure -- ~~\$200.00~~; 250.00

2.3.a.1. The fee required for the issuance of the initial license certificate shall be calculated on the current renewal rate set in this rule, the date the license is issued and the number of ~~days~~ quarters remaining in the current ~~biennial~~ annual renewal cycle;

2.3.b. ~~Reciprocity~~ Endorsement application processing -- ~~\$200.00~~; 300.00

2.3.c. ~~Biennial~~ Annual license renewal -- ~~\$220.00~~; 145.00

2.3.d. Retirement Status application and renewal fee -- \$72.50

~~2.3.d.~~ 2.3.e. Late renewal during 60 day period -- ~~\$50.00~~; 100.00

~~2.3.e.~~ 2.3.f. Reinstatement for licensure renewal after the end of the 60 day period or reinstatement following revocation or suspension of license -- \$250.00;

~~2.3.f.~~ 2.3.g. Examination score endorsement -- \$25.00;

2.3.h. Certification of supervised clinical experience endorsement -- \$25.00.

~~2.3.g.~~ 2.3.i. Name change on all records -- \$5.00;

~~2.3.h.~~ 2.3.j. Endorsement to another state or a National or State certification -- \$25.00;

~~2.3.i.~~ 2.3.k. Duplicate certificate -- \$10.00;

~~2.3.j.~~ 2.3.l. Filing a request for public information, print or electronic data, or other services relating to the Board, its members, or licensed professional counselors, is calculated based on the actual cost of materials, employee time, and services required to comply with the request; and,

~~2.3.k.~~ 2.3.m. Bad check fee -- As provided for in W. Va. Code §61-3-39e.

2.4. Continuing professional education provider and programs fees.

2.4.a. Certification as an approved provider of continuing professional education ~~biennially~~ \$150.00 \$250.00;

2.4.b. Certification as an approved provider of continuing professional education for one event -- ~~\$50.00~~ \$100.00 per day of event for non-profit and no fee to attending participants, or \$250.00 per event for profit and/or fee charged to attending participants.

~~2.4.c. Monitoring the continuing professional education records and activities of an approved provider for the purpose of quality assurance -- \$50.00 for one event in each biennial year cycle and \$100.00 for more than one event in each biennial year cycle; and,~~

~~2.4.d.~~ 2.4.c. ~~Biennial~~ Annual fee to re-certify as an approved provider -- ~~\$100.00~~ 200.00 payable only after the Board has notified the provider that it is eligible to re-certify.

~~2.4.d.1. An approved provider who does not pay a fee to re-certify within 30 days of notice forfeits all rights and privileges of an approved provider.~~

2.5. Examination fees.

2.5.a. Fee for the examination required by the Board is established by and payable to the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) or its designee.