

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**At Charleston**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6-25**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, the existence of outdated, overly complex, and inconsistent rules have created undue burdens on West Virginia's workforce and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, enforcement of such rules have increased the cost of state government operations and laid an even greater burden on West Virginia taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the simplification and streamlining of the State's regulatory framework would encourage individuals and businesses to locate in West Virginia and make it easier for West Virginians to live, learn, work, play, and do business in this State; and

**WHEREAS**, the streamlining and reduction of outdated, overly complex, and inconsistent rules is in the best interest of the citizens of West Virginia.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK MORRISEY**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **DIRECT** and **ORDER** that:

1. All cabinet secretaries and department heads under the authority of the Governor shall:
  - a. Perform a comprehensive review of all rules promulgated or enforced by the divisions, agencies, and boards under their departments;
  - b. Identify any of these rules that are outdated, overly complex, inconsistent, confusing, or difficult to administer;
  - c. Make recommendations to the Office of the Governor within one hundred (100) days of the issuance of this Order regarding
    - i. Any rule under within their department that
      1. Impairs the conduct of commerce without any meaningful benefits to the public; or
      2. May be simplified, clarified, modernized, or eliminated;

- ii. Any legislation that may simplify, clarify, or modernize the legal framework under which West Virginians live, learn, work, play, or do business; and
  - iii. Any federal regulations that complicate the operations of their department, impair the interest of West Virginians, or may exceed the federal agency's statutory or constitutional authority; and
2. All officials, departments, divisions, agencies, boards, and employees under the authority of the Governor to cooperate with the cabinet secretaries and department heads in the performance and fulfillment of this Order.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**DONE** at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this Fourteenth Day of January, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five in the One Hundred Sixty-Second Year of the State.



**GOVERNOR**



**SECRETARY OF STATE**

