

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §27-17-3

§27-17-3. License from Secretary of Health and Human Resources; regulations; and penalties.

(a) No group residential facility shall be established or operated unless a license is obtained from the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources. The secretary shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 *et seq.*, including the operation of the group residential facility; a statement of the rights of patients in group residential facilities to ensure the adequate care and supervision of patients; and shall have the authority to investigate and inspect a facility, and may impose a civil money penalty, suspend or revoke the license for good cause after notice, hearing, and other due process rights as provided by legislative rule.

(b) A group residential home is not required to obtain a license from the secretary.