

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-3A-1

## **§16-3A-1. Purpose and legislative findings.**

(a) The purpose of this article is to provide a centralized repository of information on hazardous materials and to identify the chemical elements of such materials, the harmful effects of exposure to such materials and the proper recommended emergency medical treatment for exposure to such hazardous materials.

(b) The Legislature finds that there is a lack of adequate information concerning hazardous materials, present in West Virginia, the immediate effects of exposure to such hazardous materials on human beings and the appropriate emergency medical treatment for exposure to hazardous materials. This lack of information increases the medical health risks of persons or communities who are exposed to hazardous materials. The prompt availability of this information would afford increased protection to persons and communities exposed to hazardous materials.