

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-5L-6**

## **§16-5L-6. Establishment of regional long-term care ombudsman programs.**

(a) The state commission on aging shall designate and maintain regional long-term care ombudsman programs encompassing all planning and development areas of the state under the direction of the state long-term care ombudsman. Any regional long-term care ombudsman program so designated and maintained shall be a representative of the state long-term care ombudsman program.

(b) In order to be so designated, a regional long-term care ombudsman program shall meet the following requirements: (1) It shall have no pecuniary, licensing, or organizational interest with long-term care facilities or an association thereof; and (2) it shall (i) maintain a private, nonprofit status as defined under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or (ii) function as a local or regional government agency.