

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-7-4

## **§16-7-4. Penalty for adulterating food or drugs, or for manufacturing or selling adulterated food or drugs.**

(a) Whoever, by himself or herself or his or her agents, knowingly adulterates or causes to be adulterated any article of food or drug, or knowingly manufactures for sale, offers for sale, or sells, within this state, any article of food or drug which is adulterated within the meaning of this article, without making the same known to the buyer, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not exceeding \$500, or confined in jail not more than one year, or both, in the discretion of the court; and in addition to the penalties hereinbefore provided, he or she shall be adjudged to pay the cost and expense of analyzing such adulterated food or drug, as set forth in the certificate of the person making the analysis, not exceeding \$25 in any one case, which shall be included in the costs of such prosecution and taxed in favor of the state department of health or the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, as the case may be; and if he or she be a registered pharmacist or assistant pharmacist, his or her name shall be stricken from the register. The adulterated article shall be forfeited and destroyed.

(b) This section does not apply to any person who offers for sale, or sells, within this state, less than \$5,000, in aggregate, of adulterated food, per month, when the food is adulterated by including of butylated hydroxyanisole, propylparaben, FD&C Blue No. 1, FD&C Blue No. 2, FD&C Green No. 3, FD&C Red No. 3, FD&C Red No. 40, FD&C Yellow No. 5, or FD&C Yellow No. 6.