WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §22C-3-21

§22C-3-21. Financial interest in contracts, projects, etc., prohibited; gratuities prohibited; penalty.

No officer, member or employee of the board may be financially interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract of any person with the board, or in the sale of any property, real or personal, to or by the board. This section does not apply to contracts or purchases of property, real or personal, between the board and any governmental agency.

No officer, member or employee of the board may have or acquire any financial interest, either direct or indirect, in any project or activity of the board or in any services or material to be used or furnished in connection with any project or activity of the board. If an officer, member or employee of the board has any such interest at the time he or she becomes an officer, member or employee of the board, he or she shall disclose and divest himself or herself of it. Failure to do so is cause for dismissal from the position he or she holds with the authority.

This section does not apply in instances where a member of the board who is a contract solid waste hauler either seeks or has a financial interest, direct or indirect, in any project or activity of the board or in any services or material to be used or furnished in connection with any project or activity of the board: Provided, That member shall fully disclose orally and in writing to the board the nature and extent of any interest, prior to any vote by the board which involves his or her interest, withdraw from any deliberation or discussion by the board of matters involving his or her interest, and refrain from voting on any matter which directly or indirectly affects him or her.

No officer, member or employee of the board may accept a gratuity from any person doing business with the board or from any person for the purpose of gaining favor with the board.

Any officer, member or employee of the board who has any financial interest prohibited by this section or who fails to comply with its provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than $1,000, or imprisoned in the county jail not more than one year, or both fined and imprisoned.

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