WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §22C-8-16

§22C-8-16. Injunctive relief.

(a) Whenever it appears to the board that any person has been or is violating or is about to violate any provision of this article, any rule promulgated by the board hereunder or any order or final decision of the board, the board may apply in the name of the state to the circuit court of the county in which the violations or any part thereof has occurred, is occurring or is about to occur, or to the judge thereof in vacation, for an injunction against such person and any other persons who have been, are or are about to be, involved in any practices, acts or omissions, so in violation, enjoining such person or persons from any such violation or violations. Such application may be made and prosecuted to conclusion whether or not any such violation or violations have resulted or shall result in prosecution or conviction under the provisions of section seventeen of this article.

(b) Upon application by the board, the circuit courts of this state may by mandatory or prohibitory injunction compel compliance with the provisions of this article, the rules promulgated by the board hereunder and all orders of the board. The court may issue a temporary injunction in any case pending a decision on the merits of any application filed. Any other section of this code to the contrary notwithstanding, the state shall not be required to furnish bond or other undertaking as a prerequisite to obtaining mandatory, prohibitory or temporary injunctive relief under the provisions of this article.

(c) The judgment of the circuit court upon any application permitted by the provisions of this section shall be final unless reversed, vacated or modified on appeal to the Supreme Court of Appeals. Any such appeal shall be sought in the manner and within the time provided by law for appeals from circuit courts in other civil actions.

(d) The board shall be represented in all such proceedings by the Attorney General or the Attorney General's assistants and in such proceedings in the circuit courts by the prosecuting attorneys of the several counties as well, all without additional compensation. The board, with the written approval of the Attorney General, may employ special counsel to represent the board in any such proceedings.

(e) If the board shall refuse or fail to apply for an injunction to enjoin a violation or threatened violation of any provision of this article, any rule promulgated by the board hereunder or any order or final decision of the board, within ten days after receipt of a written request to do so by any person who is or will be adversely affected by such violation or threatened violation, the person making such request may apply in such person's own behalf for an injunction to enjoin such violation or threatened violation in any court in which the board might have brought suit. The board shall be made a party defendant in such application in addition to the person or persons violating or threatening to violate any provision of this article, any rule promulgated by the board hereunder or any order of the board. The application shall proceed and injunctive relief may be granted without bond or

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other undertaking in the same manner as if the application had been made by the chair.

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