WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-3-7

§30-3-7. Powers and duties of West Virginia Board of Medicine.

(a) The board is autonomous and, in accordance with this article, shall determine qualifications of applicants for licenses and other practice credentials to practice medicine and surgery, to practice podiatry, and to practice as a physician assistant in collaboration with physicians licensed under this article or §30-14-1 *et. seq* of this code, and shall issue licenses and other practice credentials to qualified applicants and shall regulate the professional conduct and discipline of such individuals. In carrying out its functions, the board may:

(1) Adopt such rules as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this article;

(2) Hold hearings and conduct investigations, subpoena witnesses and documents and administer oaths;

(3) Institute proceedings in the courts of this state to enforce its subpoenas for the production of witnesses and documents and its orders and to restrain and enjoin violations of this article and of any rules promulgated under it;

(4) Employ investigators, attorneys, hearing examiners, consultants and such other employees as may be necessary, who shall be exempt from the classified service of the Division of Personnel and who shall serve at the will and pleasure of the board.

(5) Enter into contracts and receive and disburse funds according to law;

(6) Establish and certify standards for physician assistants;

(7) Authorize medical and podiatry corporations in accordance with the limitations of §30-3-15 of this code to practice medicine and surgery or podiatry through duly licensed physicians, podiatrists or physician assistants;

(8) Establish the circumstances under which the approval of applications and the issuance of licenses and other practice credentials may be delegated to board staff; and

(9) Perform such other duties as are set forth in this article or otherwise provided for in this code.

(b) The board shall submit an annual report of its activities to the Legislature. The report shall include a statistical analysis of complaints received, charges investigated, charges dismissed after investigation, the grounds for each such dismissal and disciplinary proceedings and disposition.

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