

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §31a-8-1**

## **§31A-8-1. Hearings before commissioner or hearing examiner; procedure, etc.**

(a) Any person who is adversely affected by any order, demand, action, refusal, failure to act, denial or requirement of the commissioner (other than the promulgation of rules and regulations which promulgation shall be in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code) shall be entitled to a hearing thereon before the commissioner or a hearing examiner appointed by him if such person files with the commissioner a written demand for such hearing within ten days after receiving written notice of such order, demand, action, refusal, failure to act, denial or requirement or within ten days after receiving knowledge thereof through the application or implementation thereof or by any other means, whichever event shall first occur.

(b) Upon receipt of a demand for such hearing the commissioner shall set a time and place therefor not less than ten and not more than thirty days thereafter. Said hearing may be continued by the commissioner upon his own motion or for good cause shown by the person demanding the same.

(c) All of the pertinent provisions of article five, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code shall apply to and govern the hearing and the administrative procedures in connection with and following such hearing.

(d) Any such hearings shall be conducted by the commissioner or a hearing examiner appointed by him. For the purpose of conducting such hearings the commissioner or such hearing examiner shall have the power and authority to issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum which shall be issued and served within the time, for the fees and shall be enforced and governed as provided in section one, article five of said chapter twenty-nine-a.

(e) The person demanding such hearing may represent himself thereat or be represented by an attorney at law admitted to practice before any circuit court of this state.

(f) After any such hearing and consideration of all of the testimony, evidence and record in the case, the commissioner shall render his decision in writing affirming, modifying or reversing the order, demand, action, refusal, failure to act, denial or requirement with respect to which such hearing was demanded, which decision shall be accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law as specified in section three, article five, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code, and a copy of such decision and accompanying findings and conclusions shall be served upon the person demanding such hearing, and his attorney of record, if any.