

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §32A-2-12

§32A-2-12. Investigations and subpoenas.

(a) In addition to the examinations required by section eleven of this article, the commissioner is authorized to inspect, examine and audit the books, records, accounts and papers of all licensees and their authorized delegates at times that the circumstances in his or her opinion may warrant. Unless it will interfere with the commissioner's duties under this article, reasonable notice shall be given to an authorized delegate or licensee before any on-site examination visit. However, an authorized delegate is deemed to consent to the commissioner's inspection, with or without prior notice to the licensee or authorized delegate, of the books and records of the authorized delegate when the commissioner has a reasonable basis to believe that the licensee or authorized delegate is in noncompliance with this article. The commissioner may call for and require any data, reports or information from any licensees under his or her jurisdiction at any time, and in the form, content and detail the commissioner determines to be necessary in the faithful discharge of his or her duty.

(b) In connection with the investigations undertaken pursuant to this article, the commissioner is authorized to issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum, administer oaths, examine persons under oath, and hold and conduct hearings, with any subpoenas or subpoenas duces tecum to be issued, served and enforced in the manner provided in section one, article five, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code. Any person appearing and testifying at the hearing may be accompanied by an attorney.