WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §32A-2-24

§32A-2-24. Confidential information.

(a) Reports of investigation and examination, together with related documents and financial information not normally available to the public that is submitted in confidence by a person regulated under this article, including, but not limited to, that person's evaluation of the expected outcome of pending litigation, are confidential and may not be disclosed to the public by the commissioner or employees of the Division of Financial Institutions, and are not subject to the state's freedom of information act. The commissioner may release information if:

(1) The commissioner finds that immediate and irreparable harm is threatened to the licensee's customers or potential customers or the general public;

(2) The licensee consents before the release;

(3) The commissioner finds that release of the information is required in connection with a hearing under this article, in which event information may be related to the parties of that hearing; or

(4) The commissioner finds that the release is reasonably necessary for the protection of the public and in the interest of justice, in which event information may be distributed to representatives of an agency, department, or instrumentality of this state, any other state, or the federal government.

(b) Nothing in this section prevents release to the public of any list of licensees or aggregated financial data for the licensees, prevents disclosure of information the presiding officer considers relevant to the proper adjudication or administration of justice at public administrative or judicial hearings, or prevents disclosure of information relevant to supporting the issuance of any administrative or judicial order.

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