WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §5a-13-3

§5A-13-3. Permitting Program and Dashboard.

(a) The secretary shall coordinate and lead the various permitting agencies in the implementation and execution of the One-Stop-Shop Permitting Program.

(b) The secretary shall issue program guidance and provide training on the One-Stop-Shop Permitting Program and Permitting Dashboard authorized by this article.

(c) On or before January 1, 2027, the secretary shall make available for public use an online dashboard, designated the Permitting Dashboard. The Permitting Dashboard shall serve as a "one-stop-shop" for obtaining and renewing all permits. The Permitting Dashboard shall:

(1) Be easily accessible, searchable, and informative;

(2) Allow the applicants to view, research, apply, and renew permits in this state; and

(3) Allow individuals and businesses to create private accounts, through which they can view, save, and submit applications; electronically pay all required fees; receive updates on the status of applications; send and receive communications directly to and from the regulatory agencies; and receive electronic copies of approved permits;

(4) Allow for coordination between offices, departments, divisions, and agencies of the state, particularly regarding the sequence of particular permits, licenses, and business registrations to enable more efficient processing;

(5) Be designed to make the process for applying for and receiving construction, economic development, infrastructure, or natural resource permits, licenses, and business registrations in West Virginia the simplest, most efficient, and most business friendly in the nation;

(6) Provide applicants a "fast-track" option wherein an applicant can pay an additional fee to expedite the processing of a permit application; and

(7) Protect financial and proprietary information of applicants that is exempt from public disclosure under the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act, being §29B-1-1 *et seq.* of this code.

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