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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §30-1-19, relating to professional licensing boards; authorizing the combining of administrative staff functions of boards; requiring consultation with the office of the Attorney General; requiring memorandum of understanding; and authorizing emergency rules and rulemaking.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §30-1-19, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO STATE BOARDS.

§30-1-19. Combining board staff functions.

2 + 2 + 1 + 1 (a) Any board referred to in this chapter may combine administrative staff functions with any other board or boards 2 referred to in this chapter, pursuant to the provisions of 3 subsection (b) of this section, to carry out the administrative 4 3 /... 5 duties of the boards as set forth in this article, the practice 6 acts of each board set forth in this chapter and the legislative 7 rules of each board: Provided. That each board retains 8 responsibility for fulfilling its statutory duties.

> 9 (b) Before combining administrative staff functions 10 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the boards shall, in 11 consultation with the office of the Attorney General, enter 12 into a memorandum of understanding with the following 13 provisions:

> 14 (1) The names of the boards combining administrative15 staff functions;

16 (2) The administrative staff functions being combined,17 including the staffs' titles and duties relative to each board;

(3) The prorata share of expenses that each board will be
responsible for paying, including salaries, office rent, office
supplies, telephone, fax and computer services, travel
expenses and any other expenses anticipated by the boards;

(4) A description of how decisions will be made by the
boards, including employment of staff, the staff's functions
and duties, and any other necessary decisions;

(5) A description of how modifications may be made tothe terms of the agreement; and

27 (6) Any other provisions necessary to set forth the28 agreement of the boards.

(c) The boards that combine administrative staff 29 30 functions pursuant to this section, may promulgate rules in accordance with the provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a of 31 32 this code, to make any necessary changes to facilitate the combining of administrative staff functions. The boards may 33 also promulgate emergency rules pursuant to the provisions 34 of section fifteen, article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this 35 36 code, to correct any conflicts with a board's current rules.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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