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### West Virginia Board of Architects Regulatory Review Report

#### Title 2, Legislative Rule, Board of Architects, Series 1 Registration of Architects

##### Description:

This rule contains many definitions and the general provisions of how the Board operates, as well as the standards for the registration for architects, reciprocal registrations, continuing education requirements, waivers for active duty military and their spouses, renewal and reinstatement requirements, and eligibility for emeritus status. The rule also includes the Rules of Professional Conduct and causes for denial, suspension or revocation of registration or other disciplinary action.

According to the records available, the rule was first promulgated on April 11, 1976 with modifications effective on the following dates:

- 12/27/1982
- 5/28/1992
- 7/1/1998
- 5/1/2001
- 4/14/2004
- 4/13/2007
- 5/6/2009
- 7/1/2013
- 7/1/2017.

##### Determination:

The Board is currently studying several items in this rule for possible future changes. Most proposed changes would update language to match the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' "Model Law" or to provide more clarification, producing a better understood rule.

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### **West Virginia Board of Architects Regulatory Review Report**

#### **Title 2, Procedural Rule, Board of Architects, Series 2, Disciplinary and Complaint Procedures for Architects**

##### **Description:**

This rule details the Board's procedures for disposition of complaints, hearing procedures following denial of registration, transcription of testimony and evidence, submission of proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, dispositions and discovery, orders and notification of discipline to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

According to the records available, the rule was first promulgated on January 12, 2001.

##### **Determination:**

The Board is currently studying several items in this rule for possible future changes. Any proposed changes would update definitions and terminology to coincide with other rules, regulations, and WV Code pertaining to the practice of architecture or to provide more clarification of the rule.

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### **West Virginia Board of Architects Regulatory Review Report**

#### **Title 2, Legislative Rule, Board of Architects, Series 3, Fees for Registration of Architects**

##### **Description:**

This rule provides a list of the fees applicants for registration as architects in West Virginia pay depending upon their status (application, resident initial, reciprocal, renewal, late renewal, reinstatement, or certificate).

According to the records available, the rule was first promulgated on May 1, 2001 with modifications effective on May 6, 2009.

##### **Determination:**

The Board has not raised any of its fees since the rules were promulgated in 2001. While the Board has maintained a healthy cash balance and managed to keep its expenses minimal, its expenses have exceeded its revenue in most of the last five years. This fiscally cannot be sustained, and the Board is anticipating proposing a small fee increase for renewal only in the next period of Rule-Making Review. This increase would generate enough revenue to achieve a balanced budget while accomplishing necessary technology upgrades to make many application functions “self-service” and online.

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