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Legislative Committee Minutes 2-6-2025

On Thursday, February 6, 2025, the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy Legislative Committee (“Committee”) convened for its at 1207 Quarrier St, 4th Floor, Charleston, West Virginia. The meeting was open to the public.

Board Members Present:

David Bowyer, Vice President, via video conference
JJ Bernabei, via video conference
Rob Duncan, via video conference

Board Staff Present:

Matthew Morris, General Counsel, via video conference
Krista Capehart, Director of Professional and Regulatory Affairs, via video conference
Michael LeMasters, Chief Compliance Officer, via video conference

Public Present:

Alex Miller, WVU P4 Student, via video conference

DPRA Capehart began the meeting by reviewing EO 6-25 a requiring a comprehensive review of all rules promulgated or enforced by the Board. The Committee determined that the comments from licensees would be open for written submission via email to DPRA Capehart until March 3 at 5pm and the Committee would offer a live, web conferencing opportunity on February 27 at 6 pm for those who wished to provide oral comments. The Committee proceeded to discuss WV CSR §15-1-1 *et seq.* and recommend the following considerations.

1. Consider changing the requirement and definition for “inspector” to permit non-pharmacist inspectors for some permit types. This is permissible in VA and OH. This will require a statute change §30-5-6
2. Make the pharmacy intern permit valid for the entire period of pharmacy school, 4-5 years so these do not need to be renewed.
3. Clarify the “transfer” of prescription process to permit faxed transfers
4. Evaluate the role of the “pharmacist in charge.” Does the Board keep this term or go with a “responsible pharmacist”

5. Eliminate the special §15-1-19 3-hour CE requirement for “consultant pharmacists”
6. Continue to evaluate the role and extent of telepharmacy in WV

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