

**Title 12 Recodification Project
Introductory Stakeholder Meeting
June 27, 2018**

10 a.m.

Legislative Services Building Hearing Room B

Persons present:

Christy Chase, Office of Legislative Legal Services (OLLS)

Thomas Morris, OLLS

Jennifer Berman, OLLS

Jessica Wigent, OLLS

Jennifer Gilroy, OLLS

Stephanie Whalum, Association of Surgical Technologists

Dr. Jean Martin, COPIC

Eric Turner, Dept of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) – Real Estate Division

Marcia Waters DORA – Real Estate Division

Ginny Brown, DORA

Ronne Hines, DORA, Division of Professions and Occupations

Status of Project after 2018 Legislative Session

Christy Chase and Tom Morris discussed the accomplishments of the 2018 legislative session, which include creating a new Title 44 to house provisions from Title 12 that pertain to activities under the authority of the Department of Revenue and continuing to move provisions from Title 12 to their more organic titles throughout the statutes. In addition, while the Title 12 Recodification Project was slated to last two years, the project was extended an additional year, by bill, to allow for reorganizing the laws remaining in Title 12.

Plan for Work Remaining

As Christy and Tom explained, Title 12 is still disorganized and contains many duplicative and redundant provisions. The next phase of the Project includes working with stakeholders to identify provisions that seem redundant or are even identical, and to move those to a newly created general or common provisions article that will apply to much of Title 12. Because the Real Estate Division, article 61 of Title 12, is fairly separate and set up differently than the rest of the title, it will have its own, discrete reorganization, led by Jennifer Berman.

A general outline of the work to be done this interim: Phase 1: Develop common provisions, including consolidating definitions and board/director powers and duties. Phase 2: Discuss proposals to relocate common provisions applicable to health care

professions and occupations and nonsubstantively reorganize the Real Estate Division statutes. Phase 3: Discuss proposals to relocate and nonsubstantively reorganize Division of Professions and Occupations practice acts. Finally, the goal is to present the bill(s) to the Committee on Legal Services in the fall, for introduction in the 2019 legislative session.

In response to concerns about provisions in Title 12 undergoing sunset review, Christy explained that OLLS diligently tracks when any provision is amended, and how it is amended; if there is a conflict in how two or more bills are amending a specific provision, staff has authorization to harmonize the changes. This process has worked effectively with the 20+ bills that relocated large portions of Title 12 that were passed in the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions.

Christy and Tom also stressed that the reorganization of professions and occupations is not an opportunity for regulated professions to propose changes to how they are regulated or make other substantive changes to their practice acts. Rather, the focus of the project is to accomplish a structural reorganization of the laws without substantively changing how professions and occupations are regulated by the state.

Finally, Christy and Tom reiterated how important stakeholder feedback is to this final stage of the Title 12 Project and invited those present and anyone with any interest to be in contact and to attend future meetings (which will be broadcast live over the Internet and archived as well).