

## **Insurance Commissioner Jane Cline to retire June 30, 2011.**

West Virginia Insurance Commissioner Jane Cline has announced her retirement, effective June 30, 2011.

Acting Governor Earl Ray Tomblin announced the Commissioner's retirement in a press release this afternoon, noting she will retire after ten years with the Offices of the Insurance Commissioner:

Throughout her tenure, Jane Cline repeatedly demonstrated her skills as a manager, professional leader and independent problem-solver," Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin said. "Cline dealt with a number of difficult and significant issues facing West Virginia's insurance industry during her time as Commissioner. She deserves high praise, gratitude and accolades for her long and dedicated service to the people of West Virginia."

Appointed to Insurance Commissioner in 2001, Cline has been responsible for regulating the insurance market. Under her leadership, Cline's staff successfully privatized the worker's compensation system, addressed insurance related reforms, such as medical malpractice, and created AccessWV, a state run high-risk health insurance pool to address the needs of qualifying low-income residents.

In addition to her duties as Insurance Commissioner, Cline previously served as the president of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), as well as the chair of the Management Committee of the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission.

"I have been fortunate to have worked in state government for 30 years," Cline said. "I am appreciative of the confidence and support that Governor Tomblin, and the other governors I have served under, have placed in me. My time as West Virginia Insurance Commissioner has been rewarding. I will truly miss my staff, which has been instrumental in our agency's successes, as well as, my fellow regulators whom we work with daily for the protection of our insurance consumers. I am looking forward to spending more time with my family and pursuing other interests."

In speaking with the Commissioner earlier today, she informed that she and her husband are looking forward to traveling and spending more time together. The Commissioner has now worked for the State for a number of years, is eligible for retirement after her birthday this summer, and, although she fully supports Governor Tomblin, she is eager to move on and "now is the time."