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HOUSE BILL No. 918

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[Passed April 6, 1977; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article two-c, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to public health; home health services; and requiring the state department of health to provide home health services and to employ personnel necessary to maintain effective home health service programs.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section two, article two-c, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2C. HOME HEALTH SERVICES.

§16-2C-2. Department authorized to provide services; charges for services; authority to employ personnel; purchase of supplies and equipment; assistance to nonprofit agencies.

1 The department shall provide home health services to those persons living in areas of the state in which adequate home 2 health services are not available otherwise. For such services 3 the department shall, and is hereby authorized to, charge 4 5 fees to individuals to whom it renders such services or to any 6 governmental agency purchasing such services for individuals, 7 except for demonstration and public health program activities. 8 In order that it may effectively render home health services, 9 the department shall employ the necessary personnel in-

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cluding nursing and supervisory personnel and shall have the
further authority to purchase equipment and materials necessary to maintain an effective program of home health services.

13 The department shall, wherever possible, assist and advise 14 nonprofit agencies or associations in the development of a 15 home health services program to be carried out by such 16 agencies or associations and, for that purpose, may enter 17 into agreements with these agencies or associations specifying 18 the type of assistance and advice it will render them. The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

20 Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

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Speaker House of Delegates

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