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ENROLLED
Committee Substitute for
HOUSE BILL No. 716

(By Mr. Cassile)

Passed March 10, 1979
In Effect Ninety Days From Passage
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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
H. B. 716
(By Mr. CAUDLE)

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AN ACT to amend article one, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section sixteen, relating to limiting liability of members of peer review committees and professional standards committees.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article one, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section sixteen, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STATE BOARDS OF EXAMINATION OR REGISTRATION REFERRED TO IN CHAPTER.

§30-1-16. Liability limitations of peer review committees and professional standards review committees.

1 No member of a peer review committee or a professional standards review committee of a state or local professional organization, including, but not limited to, committees established to review the practices of doctors of chiropractic, doc-
tors of veterinary medicine, doctors of medicine, doctors of
dentistry, attorneys at law, real estate brokers, architects,
professional engineers, certified public accountants, public ac-
countants, or registered nurses shall be deemed liable to any
person for any action taken or recommendation made within
the scope of the functions of the committee, if the committee
member acts without malice and in the reasonable belief that
such action or recommendation is warranted by the facts known
to him after reasonable effort to obtain the facts of the matter
as to which such action is taken or recommendation is made.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

J. W. Shepperd  
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within occurred this the 25th day of March, 1979.

John D. Rockefeller  
Governor