WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1986

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SENATE BILL NO. 167

(By Senators ...)

PASSED ................ March 8, 1986

In Effect ... 90 days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section five, article two-a, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the powers and duties of county or municipal health officers; permitting medical or surgical services to inmates of county or municipal jails and requiring reports of those services; and establishing payment to the local board of health for provision of such services.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section five, article two-a, 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 2A. ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF ORGANIZING LOCAL HEALTH AGENCIES.

§16-2A-5. Powers and duties of county or municipal health officers; required reporting of diseases.

1 The county or municipal health officer appointed by any local board of health created pursuant to the provisions of this article shall be the executive officer of such board of health. Under the supervision of the board, he or she shall administer the provisions of this article, all other laws of this state relating to public health and applicable to his or her county or municipality, and the rules, regulations and orders of such county or municipal board of
Such health officer shall attend, but not vote, at all meetings of his or her county or municipal board of health. He or she shall act as secretary of such board and shall be in charge of its offices. He or she shall supervise and direct the activities of county or municipal health services, employees and facilities except that the duties of such health officer shall not include the rendering of medical or surgical services on an individual basis to wards of the county or municipality. The county health officer or his or her designated representative shall determine when corrections have been made sufficient to warrant removal of any restriction or limitation placed by an employee under his or her supervision.

The duties of such health officer may include the rendering of medical or surgical services on an individual basis to inmates of any public institution operated or maintained by any county commission or municipality. The county commission or municipality shall reimburse the local board of health an agreed amount for the provision of these services. The health officer shall file reports in a timely manner, but no less frequently than once each twelve months with the county commission or municipality, as the case may be, naming the medical or surgical service rendered and the person to whom rendered.

It shall be the duty of every practicing physician to report to the municipal or county health officer, where there is such official, immediately on diagnosis, those diseases or conditions for which a report is required by the state board of health and in the manner specified by the state health director which may arise or come under the physician's treatment. Any health officer receiving such reports shall make to the state director of health a weekly report in a manner specified by the director of health.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Bruce O. Williams
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Jeff A. Wilk
Clerk of the Senate

Donald T. Kopp
Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Joseph P. Allwright
Speaker House of Delegates

The within appeared this the 25th day of March, 1986.

Aubrey H. Drummond
Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR
Date 3/4/1966
Time 3:35 pm.