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AN ACT to amend chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated article one-a, relating to uniform credentialing for health care practitioners.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

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

**ARTICLE 1A. UNIFORM CREDENTIALING FOR HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS.**

**§16-1A -1. Legislative findings; purpose.**

- 1 (a) The legislature finds:
- 2 (1) Credentialing, required by hospitals, insurance compa-
- 3 nies, prepaid health plans, third party administrators and other

4 health care entities, is necessary to assess and verify the  
5 education, training, experience and competence of health care  
6 practitioners to ensure that qualified professionals treat the  
7 citizens of this state.

8 (2) Currently, each of the entities requiring credentialing  
9 has its own credentialing application forms resulting in health  
10 care practitioners being required to complete multiple forms  
11 listing the same or similar information. The duplication is  
12 costly, time consuming and not in the best interests of the  
13 citizens of this state.

14 (3) The secretary of the department of health and human  
15 resources and the insurance commissioner share regulatory  
16 authority over the entities requiring credentialing.

17 (b) The purpose of this article is to authorize the develop-  
18 ment of uniform credentialing application forms by those public  
19 officials regulating the entities that require credentialing and to  
20 establish an advisory committee to assist in developing a  
21 uniform credentialing process and implementing the use of  
22 uniform credentialing in this state.

**§16-1A-2. Development of uniform credentialing application  
forms.**

1 Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary,  
2 the secretary of the department of health and human resources  
3 and the insurance commissioner, on or before the first day of  
4 January, two thousand two, shall jointly propose rules for  
5 legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of article  
6 three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code which set forth  
7 uniform application forms for credentialing, recredentialing or  
8 updating information and to specify the health care practitioners  
9 who may utilize the forms.

**§16-1A-3. Advisory committee.**

1       The secretary of the department of health and human  
2 resources and the insurance commissioner shall jointly establish  
3 an advisory committee to assist them in the development and  
4 implementation of the uniform credentialing process in this  
5 state. The advisory committee shall consist of eleven appointed  
6 members. Six members shall be appointed by the secretary of  
7 the department of health and human resources: one member  
8 shall represent a hospital with one hundred beds or less; one  
9 member shall represent a hospital with more than one hundred  
10 beds; one member shall represent another type of health care  
11 facility requiring credentialing; one member shall be a person  
12 currently credentialing on behalf of health care practitioners;  
13 and two of the members shall represent the health care practi-  
14 tioners subject to credentialing. Five members shall be repre-  
15 sentative of the entities regulated by the insurance commis-  
16 sioner that require credentialing and shall be appointed by the  
17 insurance commissioner: one member shall represent an  
18 indemnity health care insurer; one member shall represent a  
19 preferred provider organization; one member shall represent a  
20 third party administrator; one member shall represent a health  
21 maintenance organization accredited by American accreditation  
22 health care commission; and one member shall represent a  
23 health maintenance organization accredited by the national  
24 committee on quality assurance. The secretary of the depart-  
25 ment of health and human resources and the insurance commis-  
26 sioner, or the designee of either or both, shall be non-voting ex  
27 officio members.


**§16-1A-4. Report required.**

1       On or before the first day of January, two thousand two, the  
2 secretary of the department of health and human resources and  
3 the insurance commissioner shall jointly report to the legislative  
4 oversight commission on health and human resources account-

5 ability on the need, if any, for further legislation to implement  
6 the use of the uniform credentialing application forms devel-  
7 oped pursuant to the legislative rule authorized by section two  
8 of this article.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

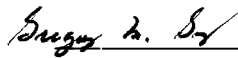
  
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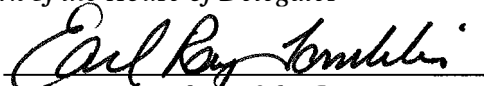
  
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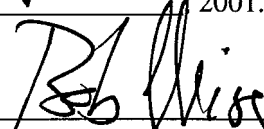
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Clerk of the Senate

  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

  
President of the Senate

  
Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved on the 30th  
day of April 2001.  
  
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

GOVERNOR

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