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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-5B-14, relating to requiring hospitals, extended care facilities operated in connection with a hospital, ambulatory health care facilities, or ambulatory surgical facilities, freestanding or operated in connection with a hospital, licensed in the State of West Virginia to provide public notice of such hospital's or facility's intent to terminate operations; and requiring that the notice be at least three weeks prior to such termination of operations.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-5B-14, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5B. HOSPITALS AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS.

§16-5B-14. Public notice regarding the closure of a licensed health care facility or hospital.

1 Any hospital, extended care facility operated in
2 connection with a hospital, ambulatory health care facility, or
3 ambulatory surgical facility freestanding or operated in
4 connection with a hospital, licensed in the State of West
5 Virginia under this article that intends to terminate operations
6 shall provide at least three weeks notice of such intent to the
7 public prior to the actual termination of operations. Pursuant
8 to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 59 of this code, the
9 hospital or facility shall cause a Class III legal advertisement
10 to be published in all qualified newspapers of general
11 circulation where the hospital or facility is geographically
12 located. The first publication of the Class III legal
13 advertisement shall occur at least three weeks prior to the
14 date the hospital or facility intends to terminate operations.
15 The Class III legal advertisement shall include, but is not
16 limited to, a statement, along with the specific or proximate
17 date, that the hospital, extended care facility operated in
18 connection with a hospital, ambulatory health care facility, or
19 ambulatory surgical facility freestanding or operated in
20 connection with a hospital, intends to terminate operations.

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



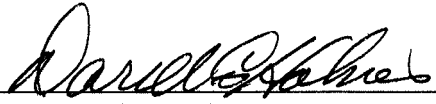
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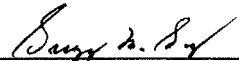
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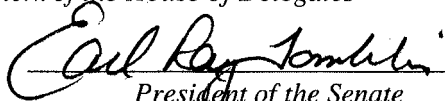
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Clerk of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Delegates



President of the Senate



Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 4th
day of April, 2007.



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