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FOR
House Bill No. 2986

(By Delegates Amores, Palumbo, Webster and Andes)

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Passed March 10, 2007

In Effect Ninety Days from Passage
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.
Any hospital, extended care facility operated in connection with a hospital, ambulatory health care facility, or ambulatory surgical facility freestanding or operated in connection with a hospital, licensed in the State of West Virginia under this article that intends to terminate operations shall provide at least three weeks notice of such intent to the public prior to the actual termination of operations. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 59 of this code, the hospital or facility shall cause a Class III legal advertisement to be published in all qualified newspapers of general circulation where the hospital or facility is geographically located. The first publication of the Class III legal advertisement shall occur at least three weeks prior to the date the hospital or facility intends to terminate operations. The Class III legal advertisement shall include, but is not limited to, a statement, along with the specific or proximate date, that the hospital, extended care facility operated in connection with a hospital, ambulatory health care facility, or ambulatory surgical facility freestanding or operated in connection with a hospital, intends to terminate operations.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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________ day of _________, 2007.
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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Time 3:40 p.m.