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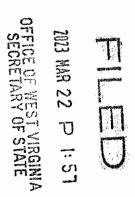
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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-1-8, relating to Alzheimer's disease; providing authority to the Commissioner for the Bureau for Public Health; requiring the Bureau for Public Health to partner with other entities; providing information concerning Alzheimer's disease; and providing information concerning other dementias.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. STATE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM.

§16-1-8. Inclusion of Alzheimer's disease in existing public health programs.

- (a) The Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health, in partnership with the Bureau for Medical Services and the Alzheimer's Association, shall, in its existing public health programs and services, educate health care professionals on the importance of early detection and timely diagnosis of cognitive impairment and dementia, use of validated cognitive assessment tools in the delivery of the Medicare Annual Wellness Visit, provision of effective care planning and care management at all stages of dementia, and delivery of counseling and referral.
- (b) The Bureau for Public Health, in partnership with the Bureau of Senior Services, shall, in its existing, relevant public health outreach programs, incorporate information to increase understanding and awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, including information about the early signs of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias that should be discussed with health care professionals and the value of early detection and diagnosis, particularly among persons in diverse communities who are at greater risk of developing dementia.
- (c) Any public awareness and/or educational outreach programs shall provide uniform, consistent guidance in nonclinical terms, with an emphasis on cultural relevancy and health literacy.

The Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

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Originated in the Senate.

In effect 90 days from passage.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

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