

1 **H. B. 2292**

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3 (By Delegate Azinger)

4 [Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the  
5 Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.]

6 **FISCAL**  
7 **NOTE**

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10 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
11 adding thereto a new section, designated §9-5-21, relating to  
12 requiring the Department of Health and Human Resources to  
13 annually review and adjust rates it pays to care providers.

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

15 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended  
16 by adding thereto a new section, designated §9-5-21 to read as  
17 follows:

18 **ARTICLE 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

19 **§9-5-21. Review and adjustment of rates paid to care providers.**

20 The Department of Health and Human Resources shall perform an  
21 annual review of rates it pays to care providers and adjust those  
22 rates as necessary to be comparable, on a percentage basis, to rate  
23 adjustments hospitals receive from the department.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the Department of Health and Human Resources to annually review and adjust rates it pays to care providers to be comparable, on percentage basis, to rates paid to hospitals.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.