

1 **H. B. 2817**

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3 (By Delegates Manchin, Longstreth, Hatfield,
4 Fleischauer, Doyle, Stowers and Caputo)

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6 [Introduced January 24, 2011; referred to the
7 Committee on Health and Human Resources then the
8 Judiciary.]

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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 §30-3-18, relating to
12 prohibiting healthcare providers from discriminating against
13 or refusing treatment of a patient.

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 §30-3-18, to read as
17 follows:

18 **ARTICLE 3. WEST VIRGINIA MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT.**

19 **§30-3-18. Discriminatory practices by healthcare providers**
20 **prohibited.**

21 No healthcare provider may discriminate, in any manner,
22 against or refuse to treat any person based upon the manner by
23 which that person became injured or sick.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit healthcare providers from discriminating against or refusing treatment to

persons based upon the manner by which they were injured.

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