

Senate Bill No. 557

(By Senators Yost, Kessler (Mr. President), Fitzsimmons and
Stollings)

[Introduced March 18, 2013; referred to the Committee on
Government Organization.]

A BILL to amend and reenact §16-2J-3 of the Code of West Virginia,
1931, as amended, relating to authorizing continued operation
of certain pilot programs after expiration date; and resetting
expiration date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §16-2J-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2J. PREVENTIVE CARE PILOT PROGRAM.

**§16-2J-3. Authorization of preventive care pilot program; number
of participants and sites; Health Care Authority
considerations in selection of participating
providers; funding.**

(a) The Health Care Authority shall, in consultation with the
Insurance Commissioner, develop and implement during the fiscal

1 year beginning July 1, 2006, a pilot program that permits providers
2 to market and sell prepaid memberships entitling subscribers to
3 obtain preventive and primary health care from the participating
4 providers. Participating providers shall not be allowed to offer
5 their qualifying services at more than six separate sites. The
6 pilot program shall expire on June 30, ~~2011~~ 2014. Those pilots in
7 operation as of the expiration date may continue to operate
8 pursuant to this article and shall be considered grandfathered.

9 (b) Subject to this article, the Health Care Authority is
10 vested with discretion to select providers using diversity in
11 practice organization, geographical diversity and other criteria it
12 deems appropriate. The Health Care Authority also shall give
13 consideration to providers located in rural areas or serving a high
14 percentage or large numbers of uninsured.

15 (c) In furtherance of the objectives of this article, the
16 Health Care Authority is authorized to accept any and all gifts,
17 grants and matching funds whether in the form of money or services.
18 However, no gifts, grants and matching funds shall be provided to
19 the Health Care Authority by the State of West Virginia to further
20 the objectives of this article.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize continued
operation of certain pilot programs beyond the expiration date, and
to advance the expiration date.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from

the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.