1	Senate Bill No. 456
2	(By Senator Stollings)
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4	[Introduced January 31, 2014; referred to the Committee on Health
5	and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.]
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10	A BILL to amend and reenact $\$11-27-38$ of the Code of West Virginia,
11	1931, as amended, relating generally to health care provider
12	taxes; modifying the expiration date for tax rate on eligible
13	acute care hospitals; changing the tax rate on eligible acute
14	care hospitals; and providing for disbursement of any funds
15	remaining in the Eligible Acute Care Provider Enhancement
16	Account.
17	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
18	That §11-27-38 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
19	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
20	ARTICLE 27. HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TAXES.
21	§11-27-38. Contingent increase of tax rate on certain eligible
22	acute care hospitals.

1 (a) In addition to the rate of the tax imposed by sections 2 nine and fifteen of this article on providers of inpatient and 3 outpatient hospital services, there shall be <u>is</u> imposed on certain 4 eligible acute care hospitals an additional tax of forty-five <u>sixty</u> 5 one hundredths of one percent on the gross receipts received or 6 receivable by eligible acute care hospitals that provide inpatient 7 or outpatient hospital services in this state through a Medicaid 8 upper payment limit program.

9 (b) For purposes of this section, the term "eligible acute 10 care hospital" means any inpatient or outpatient hospital 11 conducting business in this state that is not:

12 (1) A state-owned or -designated facility;

13 (2) A nonstate, but government-owned facility such as a county14 or city hospital;

15 (3) A critical access hospital, designated as a critical16 access hospital after meeting all federal eligibility criteria;

17 (4) A licensed free-standing psychiatric or medical18 rehabilitation hospital; or

19 (5) A licensed long-term acute care hospital.

20 (b) (c) The taxes imposed by this section may not be imposed 21 or collected until all of the following have occurred:

22 (1) A state plan amendment is developed by the Bureau of

1 Medical Services, as authorized by the Secretary of the Department
2 of Health and Human Resources;

3 (2) The state plan amendment is reviewed by the Medical Fund4 Services Advisory Council;

5 (3) A comment period of not less than thirty days for public 6 comment on the state plan amendment shall have passed; and

7 (4) The state plan amendment is approved by the Centers for8 Medicare and Medicaid Services.

9 <u>(d)</u> The state plan amendment shall include all of the 10 following:

(1) The provisions of the proposed upper payment limit program 12 or programs;

13 (2) A state maintenance of effort to maintain adequate 14 Medicaid funding; and

(3) A provision that any other state Medicaid program will not negatively impact the hospital upper payment limit payments. The taxes imposed and collected may be imposed and collected beginning on the earliest date permissible under applicable federal law under the upper payment limit program, as determined by the West Virginia secretary. of Health and Human Resources.

21 (c) (e) There is hereby created <u>continued</u> a special revenue 22 account in the State Treasury, designated the Medicaid State Share

1 Fund. The amount of taxes collected under this section, including 2 any interest, additions to tax and penalties collected under 3 article ten of this chapter, less the amount of allowable refunds, 4 the amount of any interest payable with respect to such refunds and 5 costs of administration and collection, shall be deposited into the 6 Special Revenue Fund and shall may not revert to general revenue. 7 The Tax Commissioner shall establish and maintain a separate 8 account and accounting for the funds collected under this section 9 in an account to be designated as the Eligible Acute Care Provider 10 Enhancement Account. The amounts collected shall be deposited, 11 within fifteen days after receipt by the Tax Commissioner, into the 12 Eligible Acute Care Provider Enhancement Account. Disbursements 13 from the Eligible Acute Care Provider Enhancement Account within 14 the Medicaid State Share Fund may only be used as set forth in this 15 section.

16 (d) (f) The imposition and collection of taxes imposed by 17 this section shall be is suspended immediately upon the occurrence 18 of any of the following:

(1) The effective date of any action by Congress that would 20 disqualify the taxes imposed by this section from counting toward 21 state Medicaid funds available to be used to determine the federal 22 financial participation;

1 (2) The effective date of any decision, enactment or other 2 determination by the Legislature or by any court, officer, 3 department, agency of office of state or federal government that 4 has the effect of disqualifying the tax from counting toward state 5 Medicaid funds available to be used to determine federal financial 6 participation for Medicaid matching funds, or creating for any 7 reason a failure of the state to use the assessment of the Medicaid 8 program as described in this section; and

9 (3) The effective date of an appropriation for any state 10 fiscal year for hospital payments under the state Medicaid program 11 that is less than the amount appropriate for state fiscal year 12 ending June 30, 2011. Fifty percent of any funds remaining in the 13 Eligible Acute Care Provider Enhancement Account as of June 30, 14 2013, <u>2014,</u> shall be transferred to the West Virginia Medical 15 Services Fund. This transfer shall occur no later than September 16 30, 2013. <u>2014.</u> These funds shall be used during state fiscal year 17 2014 <u>2015</u> at the discretion of the Bureau of Medical Services. The 18 remaining fifty percent of any funds in the Eligible Acute Care 19 Provider Enhancement Account as of June 30, 2013, <u>2014,</u> shall 20 remain in the Eligible Acute Care Provider Enhancement Account and 21 shall be used in state fiscal year 2014 <u>2015</u>. If the program 22 expires on June 30, 2014, 2015, as set forth in subsection (f) (h)

1 <u>of this section</u>, fifty percent of any funds remaining as of June 2 30, 2015, <u>2016</u>, shall be transferred on that date to the West 3 Virginia Medical Services Fund. This transfer shall occur only 4 after state fiscal year 2014 <u>2015</u> fourth quarter tax collections 5 and program payments. The remaining fifty percent of the funds 6 shall be distributed to the eligible acute care providers no later 7 than June 30, 2015 <u>2016</u>. The distribution of funds to the eligible 8 acute care providers shall be made in the same proportion as the 9 taxes paid by the eligible acute care providers into the Eligible 10 Acute Care Provider Enhancement Fund during state fiscal year 2014 11 2015.

12 (e) (g) The provisions of this section are retroactive and 13 shall become effective on the first day of the quarter in which the 14 state plan amendment is submitted.

15 (f) (h) The tax imposed by this section shall expire expires 16 on and after June 30, 2014, 2015, unless otherwise extended by the 17 Legislature.

(NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to remove the expiration date for the tax rate on eligible acute care hospitals.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would

be added.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

On page two, section thirty-eight, line four, by striking out the word "sixty" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "sixty-two".