



1           That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended  
 2 by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-16-7f; that said  
 3 code be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated  
 4 §33-15-4l; that said code be amended by adding thereto a new  
 5 section, designated §33-16-3x; that said code be amended by adding  
 6 thereto a new section, designated §33-24-7m; that said code be  
 7 amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-25-8j; and  
 8 that said code be amended by adding thereto a new section,  
 9 designated §33-25A-8l, all to read as follows:

10           **CHAPTER 5. GENERAL POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR,**

11           **SECRETARY OF STATE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL; BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS;**

12           **MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS, OFFICES, PROGRAMS, ETC.**

13           **ARTICLE 16. WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE ACT.**

14           **§5-16-7f. Required coverage for nonnarcotic pain relief systems.**

15           Notwithstanding any provision of any policy, provision,  
 16 contract, plan or agreement applicable to this article, any entity  
 17 regulated by this article shall, beginning July 1, 2014, provide  
 18 coverage for nonnarcotic pain relief systems, driven by an  
 19 elastomeric pump that automatically and continuously delivers local  
 20 anesthetic by way of a catheter for targeted pain relief, or other  
 21 similar device or method, when determined to be a medically  
 22 suitable treatment for pain.

23           **CHAPTER 33. INSURANCE.**

1 **ARTICLE 15. ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE.**

2 **§33-15-41. Required coverage for nonnarcotic pain relief systems.**

3 Notwithstanding any provision of any policy, provision,  
4 contract, plan, or agreement applicable to this article, any entity  
5 regulated by this article shall, beginning July 1, 2014, provide  
6 coverage for nonnarcotic pain relief systems, driven by an  
7 elastomeric pump that automatically and continuously delivers local  
8 anesthetic by way of a catheter for targeted pain relief, or other  
9 similar device or method, when determined to be a medically  
10 suitable treatment for pain.

11 **ARTICLE 16. GROUP ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE.**

12 **§33-16-3x. Required coverage for nonnarcotic pain relief systems.**

13 Notwithstanding any provision of any policy, provision,  
14 contract, plan, or agreement applicable to this article, any entity  
15 regulated by this article shall, beginning July 1, 2014, provide  
16 coverage for nonnarcotic pain relief systems, driven by an  
17 elastomeric pump that automatically and continuously delivers local  
18 anesthetic by way of a catheter for targeted pain relief, or other  
19 similar device or method, when determined to be a medically  
20 suitable treatment for pain.

21 **ARTICLE 24. HOSPITAL MEDICAL AND DENTAL CORPORATIONS.**

22 **§33-24-7m. Required coverage for nonnarcotic pain relief systems.**

23 Notwithstanding any provision of any policy, provision,

1 contract, plan, or agreement applicable to this article, any entity  
2 regulated by this article shall, beginning July 1, 2014, provide  
3 coverage for nonnarcotic pain relief systems, driven by an  
4 elastomeric pump that automatically and continuously delivers local  
5 anesthetic by way of a catheter for targeted pain relief, or other  
6 similar device or method, when determined to be a medically  
7 suitable treatment for pain.

8 **ARTICLE 25. HEALTH CARE CORPORATION.**

9 **§33-25-8j. Required coverage for nonnarcotic pain relief systems.**

10 Notwithstanding any provision of any policy, provision,  
11 contract, plan, or agreement applicable to this article, any entity  
12 regulated by this article shall, beginning July 1, 2014, provide  
13 coverage for nonnarcotic pain relief systems, driven by an  
14 elastomeric pump that automatically and continuously delivers local  
15 anesthetic by way of a catheter for targeted pain relief, or other  
16 similar device or method, when determined to be a medically  
17 suitable treatment for pain.

18 **ARTICLE 25A. HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION ACT.**

19 **§33-25A-81. Required coverage for nonnarcotic pain relief**  
20 **systems.**

21 Notwithstanding any provision of any policy, provision,  
22 contract, plan, or agreement applicable to this article, any entity  
23 regulated by this article shall, beginning July 1, 2014, provide

1 coverage for nonnarcotic pain relief systems, driven by an  
2 elastomeric pump that automatically and continuously delivers local  
3 anesthetic by way of a catheter for targeted pain relief, or other  
4 similar device or method, when determined to be a medically  
5 suitable treatment for pain.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require health insurers and PEIA to cover nonnarcotic pain relief systems, driven by an elastomeric pump that automatically and continuously delivers local anesthetic by way of a catheter for targeted pain relief, or other similar device or method, when determined to be a medically suitable treatment for pain.

All sections in this bill are new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.