

H. B. 2172

(By Delegate Rodighiero)

[Introduced January 21, 2015; referred to the

Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-2F-8a, relating to requiring facilities providing abortions to obtain parental notification or consent in writing by the parent or by a notarized parental notification or consent form; and providing penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-2F-8a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2F. PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF ABORTIONS PERFORMED ON UNEMANCIPATED MINORS.

§16-2F-8a. Parental notification requirements; penalties.

Any abortion-related parental notification or consent required in this article or in this code shall be provided in writing by the parent at the facility where the abortion is performed, or it shall be notarized before presented to the facility. Failure to comply with the terms of this section shall

1 result in a fine against the facility providing the abortion in an amount of ten times the cost of the
2 abortion in question for the first offense, and for any second or subsequent offense, the facility shall
3 be closed for a period of thirty days.

4 Nothing contained in this section shall be construed or interpreted to endorse, allow, permit
5 or approve of any abortion.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require facilities providing abortions to obtain parental notification or consent in writing by the parent or by a notarized signature of the parent; and providing a fine on the first offense of ten times the amount of the abortion and upon a subsequent offense closure of the facility for thirty days.

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