

H. B. 2419

(By Delegates P. Smith, Trecost, Eldridge, Lynch and Longstreth)

[Introduced January 27, 2015; referred to the

Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.]

**FISCAL
NOTE**

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §5-5A-1, relating to adding fifty new positions to the staff at the William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital.

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 article, designated §5-5A-1, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5A. ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES FOR WILLIAM R. SHARPE, JR. HOSPITAL.

§5-5A-1. Additional employees.

(a) Upon passage of this article, the Department of Health and Human Resources shall immediately review the current staffing needs at the William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital and determine where fifty additional positions will best serve the needs of both the patients and employees at that facility. Those positions include, but are not limited to, physician specialists, nurses, nursing

1 directors, health service workers, health service assistants, health service associates and security
2 positions. The Department of Health and Human Resources shall, no later than sixty days after the
3 passage of this article, begin filling those positions. All fifty positions shall be filled no later than
4 ninety days after the passage of this article.

5 (b) Funding for the pay rates and employment requirements shall be provided from the
6 appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Resources.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to add fifty new positions to the staff at the William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital so that the safety of the staff and patients may be enhanced.

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