

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2016 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 571**

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[Introduced February 10, 2016;

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §33-16G-10, relating to prohibiting abortion coverage in qualified health care  
 3 plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2017; and providing an exception to the  
 4 prohibition when a mother’s life is in danger.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new  
 2 section, designated §33-16G-10, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 16G. WEST VIRGINIA HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE ACT.**

**§33-16G-10. Opt-out of abortion coverage.**

1 Abortion coverage in qualified health plans offered through the exchange, whether the  
 2 exchange is run solely by the state, in partnership with the federal government or solely by the  
 3 federal government, is prohibited in those plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2017:  
 4 Provided, That the prohibition does not prohibit coverage of abortion if the mother’s life is in  
 5 danger.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit abortion coverage in qualified health care plans on or after January 1, 2017 with the exception for coverage when a mother’s life is in danger.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.