

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2017 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2053**

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[Introduced February 8, 2017; Referred  
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources  
then the Judiciary.]

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

*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 §16-2F-8a, to read as follows:

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

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

1 Any abortion-related parental notification or consent required in this article or in this code  
 2 shall be provided in writing by the parent at the facility where the abortion is performed, or it shall  
 3 be notarized before presented to the facility. Failure to comply with the terms of this section shall  
 4 result in a fine against the facility providing the abortion in an amount of ten times the cost of the  
 5 abortion in question for the first offense, and for any second or subsequent offense, the facility  
 6 shall be closed for a period of thirty days.

7 Nothing contained in this section shall be construed or interpreted to endorse, allow,  
 8 permit 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.

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