

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 25

BY SENATOR MAYNARD

[Introduced January 10, 2018; Referred
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources;
and then 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 §61-5-30, relating to making it a crime for doctors and lawyers to knowingly
 3 file a fraudulent claim for disability benefits or providing substantive information in support
 4 of a fraudulent claim; and establishing the penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5. CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC JUSTICE.

§61-5-30. Fraudulent disability claims; penalties.

1 It is unlawful for a doctor or lawyer to knowingly file a fraudulent claim for disability benefits,
 2 or provide substantive information in support of a fraudulent claim, from the state or any of its
 3 agencies. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be
 4 confined in a state correctional facility for not less than one nor more than ten years and fined not
 5 more than \$10,000.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to make it a felony for doctors and lawyers to knowingly file a fraudulent claim for disability benefits or providing substantive information in support of a fraudulent claim. The bill establishes the penalties.

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