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Senate Bill 52

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[Introduced January 8, 2020; referred

to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL making a supplementary appropriation of public moneys out of the Treasury from the
 2 balance of moneys remaining as an unappropriated surplus balance in the Excess Lottery
 3 Fund, to the Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Health – Central
 4 Office, fund 0407, fiscal year 2020, organization 0506, by supplementing and amending
 5 the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

6 Whereas, The state budget that became law for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020,
 7 severely underfunded the Center for End of Life; and

8 Whereas, Without additional funding the Center for End of Life will run out of funds to
 9 operate by the end of February, 2020; and

10 Whereas, The Center for End of Life has been a leader at the forefront of ensuring that
 11 patients receive end-of-life care consistent with their wishes; and

12 Whereas, The Center for End of Life developed one of the first e-Directive Registries in
 13 the nation to house forms and give emergency personnel around the state immediate access to
 14 patient treatment wishes during a medical crisis; and

15 Whereas, Many patients prefer to have out-of-hospital deaths and referrals to hospice,
 16 which saves the state in medical costs when those patients declare such a directive; and

17 Whereas, The Center for End of Life has been instrumental in reducing the cost of
 18 healthcare to the state; and

19 Whereas, The state should continue to fund the Center for End of Life in order to allow it
 20 to continue to innovate, conduct research, and play a major role at the national level in advancing
 21 best practices to ensure superior end of life care; therefore

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia

1 **TITLE II – APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 **Section 5. Appropriations from state Excess Lottery Revenue Fund.**

3 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES.**

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		<i>311A – Division of Health</i>			
5		<i>Central Office</i>			
6		(WV Code Chapter 16)			
7		Fund <u>0407</u> FY <u>2018</u> Org <u>0506</u>			
8					General
9					Revenue
10			Appro-		Fund
11			priation		
12	1	Center for End of Life – Surplus (R)	54500	\$	150,000

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide funding for the Center for End of Life after the FY2020 budget bill severely underfunded the program.

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