

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2020 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 603**

BY SENATORS PREZIOSO, BALDWIN, BEACH, IHLENFELD,  
JEFFERIES, LINDSAY, PLYMALE, ROMANO, STOLLINGS,  
AND WOELFEL

[Introduced January 23, 2020; referred  
to the Committee on Banking and Insurance; 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 §33-15-22; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section,  
 3 designated §33-16-18, all relating to a prohibition on short-term duration health insurance.

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

**ARTICLE 15. ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE.**

**§33-15-22. Prohibition on short-term limited duration health insurance.**

1 (a) Commencing July 1, 2020, a health insurer may not issue, amend, sell, renew, or offer  
 2 a policy of short-term limited duration health insurance policy for health care coverage in this  
 3 state.

4 (b) For purposes of this section, “short-term limited duration health insurance” means  
 5 health insurance coverage provided pursuant to a health insurance policy that has an expiration  
 6 date specified in the policy that is less than 12 months after the original effective date of the  
 7 coverage, including renewals.

**ARTICLE 16. GROUP ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE.**

**§33-16-18. Prohibition on short-term limited duration health insurance.**

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 2 a policy of short-term limited duration health insurance policy for health care coverage in this  
 3 state.

4 (b) For purposes of this section, “short-term limited duration health insurance” means  
 5 health insurance coverage provided pursuant to a health insurance policy that has an expiration  
 6 date specified in the policy that is less than 12 months after the original effective date of the  
 7 coverage, including renewals.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the sale of short-term limited duration health insurance.

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