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House Bill 3166

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §25-8-1, relating to inmate medical or dental copayments.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

Article 8. Inmate MEdical Payments ACt.

§25-8-1. Co-payments for medical and dental services.

No rehabilitation center operating in the State of West Virginia under the jurisdiction of the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation, including adult and juvenile centers, shall assess an inmate any co-payment fee for medical or dental services.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the assessment of copayments for medical or dental services by correctional facilities in the State of West Virginia.

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