

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 2631

By Delegate Young

[Introduced January 17, 2023; Referred to the
Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §16-6-22a, relating to authorizing dogs to enter certain hotels and restaurants;
 3 limiting access of dogs to locations that hold a private club, brew pub, or micro-distillery
 4 license; and authorizing the Bureau of Public Health to promulgate rules establishing
 5 conditions and limitations relating to authorizing access.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 6. HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

§16-6-22a. Authorizing Dogs in Certain Establishments; and establishing limitations thereto.

1 Except in any areas used for the manufacture of food products, a dog may be authorized
 2 within a designated area inside or on the premises of any establishment that holds a private club
 3 licensed pursuant to §60-7-1 et seq. of this code, a brew pub licensed pursuant to §11-16-1 et seq.
 4 of this code, or a micro-distillery license as defined in §60-1-5d of this code. The Bureau of Public
 5 Health may promulgate legislative rules establishing limitations and conditions allowing dog entry
 6 at these establishments necessary to protect public health and safety.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit dogs to enter certain areas of private clubs, brew pubs and micro-distilleries; and authorizing the Bureau of Public Health to promulgate any rules related thereto, necessary to protect public health and safety. is

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