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House Bill 4347

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[Introduced February 1, 2016; referred
to the Select Committee on Prevention and
Treatment of Substance Abuse
then 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 §9-5-24, relating to providing pregnant women priority to substance abuse
 3 treatment.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
 2 section designated, §9-5-24, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

§9-5-24. Requiring substance abuse treatment providers to give pregnant woman priority access to services.

1 Substance abuse treatment or recovery service providers that accept Medicaid shall give
 2 pregnant women priority in accessing services and shall not refuse access to services solely due
 3 to pregnancy as long as the provider’s services are appropriate for pregnant women.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to give pregnant women priority to substance abuse treatment.

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