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House Bill 2431

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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 §16-3-4a, relating to allowing influenza immunizations to be offered to patients
 3 and residents of specified facilities on a voluntary basis.

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 §16-3-4a, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 3. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE AND OTHER
 INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**

§16-3-4a. Influenza Immunizations.

1 (a) A hospital licensed pursuant to the provisions of article five-b of this chapter shall offer
 2 to an inpatient who is sixty-five years of age or older an influenza immunization prior to discharge
 3 from October 1 of every year and continuing through March 1 of the following year.

4 (b) The immunizations may not be offered in cases where the immunization is
 5 contraindicated.

6 (c) The requirements of this section are subject to the availability for sufficient influenza
 7 immunizations.

8 (d) Nothing in this section may be construed to require an influenza immunization as a
 9 condition of receiving any type of service or as a condition of discharge.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow influenza immunizations to be offered to patients and residents of specified facilities on a voluntary basis based upon recommendations of the Center for Disease Control.

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