WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 220

By Senator Maynard

[Introduced January 12, 2022; referred  
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §16-2Q-1, relating to requiring physicians to notify parents when prescribing contraceptives to minors; and providing definitions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2Q. PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF PRESCRIBED CONTRACEPTIVES.

§16-2Q-1. Contraceptives; parental notice; definitions.

(a) A physician located within this state shall provide parental notification when prescribing a contraceptive to a minor.

(b) For the purposes of this section:

“Contraceptive” means a drug or device approved by the food and drug administration to prevent pregnancy.

“Minor” means a person under the age of 18 years who has not graduated from high school.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require physicians to notify parents when prescribing contraceptives to minors. The bill provides definitions.

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