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House Bill 2575

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[Passed April 12, 2025; in effect 90 days from
passage (July 10, 2025)]

1 AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
2 designated §16-5R-9, relating to the establishment of a full-time Dementia Services
3 Director position.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5R. THE ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE STANDARDS ACT.

§16-5R-9. Establishment of a Dementia Services Director position.

1 The Department of Health shall establish a Dementia Services Director as a full-time,
2 permanent position.

3 In collaboration with relevant stakeholders and state agencies, the Dementia Services
4 Director shall:

5 (1) Coordinate implementation of the State Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Plan;

6 (2) Evaluate the coordination of dementia services within this state;

7 (3) Evaluate all applicable state government services and make recommendations to
8 increase efficiency and improve the quality of care in residential and home and community-based
9 settings;

10 (4) Identify:

11 (A) Any duplicated services; and

12 (B) Grant opportunities to expand the scope of services for persons living with dementia
13 and their caregivers and apply for the grant opportunities;

14 (5) Evaluate information and resources affecting West Virginians living with dementia and
15 their caregivers, including:

16 (A) Support the provision of dementia-specific staff training across all relevant state
17 agencies; and

18 (B) Recommend strategies to improve access to and coordination of dementia-related
19 services and resources provided by public and private entities;

20 (6) Complete other duties relevant to supporting policy development and implementation
21 to enhance the quality of life for persons affected by dementia and their caregivers;

22 (7) Promote public and professional awareness and education of dementia and access to
23 needed services and programs;

24 (8) Collect and monitor dementia-related data to coordinate ways to improve public
25 outcomes and service delivery; and

26 (9) Compile an annual report that is available on the Department's publicly accessible
27 website outlining implantation status of the state plan, funding through grant applications, and
28 office deliverables.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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Clerk of the Senate

Originated in the House of Delegates.

In effect 90 days from passage.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Day of, 2025.

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Governor