

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 5333

By Delegate Young

[Introduced February 09, 2026; referred to the
Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
 2 designated §30-3-21, relating to providing that patients undergoing medical procedures
 3 may refuse to have such procedures observed by residents and medical students at the
 4 hospital.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 3. WEST VIRGINIA MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT.

§30-3-21. Patient right to refuse observation by residents and medical students.

1 Patients may refuse residents and medical students from observing or performing medical
 2 care on them. Each hospital shall implement a policy to ensure that patients are informed of their
 3 right to refuse such observations.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow for patients to refuse to have their procedures observed by residents of the hospital or medical students.

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