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House Bill 5442

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NOTE**

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Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding two new sections,
 2 designated §16-1-23 and §16B-3-22, relating to pregnancy and health; developing
 3 trainings on the uses and indications of certain drugs for pregnant women; and requiring
 4 licenses hospitals or similar institutions to complete training.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

CHAPTER 16. PUBLIC HEALTH.

§16-1-23. Development of trainings on the uses and indications of progesterone and mifepristone in pregnant women.

1 (a) The Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health is hereby continued.

2 (b) The Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health shall establish an advisory council on
 3 the uses and indications of progesterone and mifepristone in pregnant women: *Provided*, That no
 4 member of the advisory council shall be a past or present employee of, board member of, or
 5 volunteer with an abortion industry organization as defined in §16-66-1 of this code.

6 (c) The Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health shall develop, in consultation with the
 7 advisory council, the following trainings for licensed healthcare providers:

8 (1) A training based on a review of the scientific literature, both domestic and international,
 9 on the use of progesterone to counteract the effect of mifepristone when used in the course of a
 10 chemical abortion; and

11 (2) A training based on a review of the scientific literature, both domestic and international,
 12 on the risks, identification, and treatment of adverse outcomes of chemical abortion, especially
 13 adverse outcomes which could result in a patient seeking emergency medical care

14 (d) The Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health may contract with a third party
 15 organization to provide the training to licensed healthcare providers: *Provided*, That such third
 16 party organization may not be an abortion industry organization as defined in §16-66-1 of this
 17 code.

CHAPTER 16B. INSPECTOR GENERAL.

§16B-3-22. Training requirements for hospitals or similar institutions providing gynecologic, obstetric, and/or emergency care.

1 (a) Any hospital, or other similar institution, required to be licensed under this article, which
2 employs licensed healthcare providers for the provision of gynecologic and/or obstetric services to
3 pregnant women shall ensure such licensed healthcare providers complete the trainings provided
4 for in §16-1-23 of this code.

5 (b) Any hospital, or other similar institution, required to be licensed under this article, which
6 employs licensed healthcare providers for the provision of emergency room services shall ensure
7 such licensed healthcare providers complete the training provided for in §16-1-23(c)2 of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require training on the uses and indications of certain drugs for pregnant women.

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