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House Bill 5484

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Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
 2 designated §61-2-31, relating to creating the crime of conspiracy to deny a victim of sexual
 3 offenses access to medical care; and establishing penalties for violation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON.

§61-2-31. Conspiracy to deny victim of sexual exploitation, sexual assault, incest, or sexual abuse access to licensed medical care.

1 (a) Any person who, while present within the State of West Virginia, willfully conspires with
 2 one or more persons to deny a victim of sexual exploitation, sexual assault, incest, or sexual
 3 abuse access to licensed medical care for conditions or injuries proximately caused by said
 4 exploitation, assault, incest, or abuse including, but not limited to, the performance of an unlawful
 5 abortion in violation of, and conspiracy to violate, the provisions of §16-2R-1 of this code, is guilty
 6 of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in a state correctional facility for not less
 7 than 5 years nor more than 10 years, or fined not more than \$50,000, or both fined and confined.

8 (b) Any person who willfully conspires with one or more persons present within the State of
 9 West Virginia to deny a victim of sexual exploitation, sexual assault, incest, or sexual abuse
 10 access to licensed medical care for conditions or injuries proximately caused by said exploitation,
 11 assault, incest, or abuse including, but not limited to, the performance of an unlawful abortion in
 12 violation and conspiracy to violate the provisions of §16-2R-1 of this code, is guilty of a felony and,
 13 upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in a state correctional facility for not less than 5 years
 14 nor more than 10 years, or fined not more than \$50,000, or both fined and confined.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create the crime of conspiracy to deny a victim of sexual exploitation, assault or abuse access to licensed medical care.

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