

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 5591

By Delegates Worrell and Hite

[Introduced February 16, 2026; referred to the
Committee on Health and Human Resources then
Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, by adding a new section, designated, §30-5-37,
2 relating to dispensing of ivermectin; limiting liability; and providing rulemaking authority.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 5. PHARMACISTS, PHARMACY TECHNICIANS, PHARMACY INTERNS
AND PHARMACIES.**

§30-5-37. Sale of Ivermectin without a prescription; establishing protections.

1 (a) A pharmacist may dispense ivermectin to a person, without requiring a prescription
2 from a licensed healthcare practitioner, in accordance with written standardized procedures or
3 protocols issued by the board, including, if required, providing the person with instructions on the
4 proper use of ivermectin.

5 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, a pharmacist acting in a reasonably prudent manner is
6 not criminally or civilly liable or subject to professional disciplinary action for dispensing ivermectin
7 in accordance with this section.

8 (c) The board may propose rules for legislative approval, in accordance with the provisions
9 of §29A-3-1, et seq. of this code, to implement the provisions of this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit pharmacists to dispense ivermectin to a person, without requiring a prescription.

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