

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 280

BY Senator Rucker

[Introduced January 15, 2026; referred
to the Committee on Judiciary]

- 1 A BILL to amend and reenact §64-5C-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to authorizing the Department of Health Facilities to promulgate a legislative rule relating to
3 patient rights at state-operated mental health facilities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 5C. AUTHORIZATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FACILITIES TO
PROMULGATE LEGISLATIVE RULES.**

§64-5C-1. Department of Health Facilities.

- 1 The legislative rule filed in the State Register on July 25, 2025, authorized under the
2 authority of §27-5-9 of this code, relating to the Department of Health Facilities (patient rights at
3 state-operated mental health facilities, [64 CSR 59](#)), is authorized.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Health Facilities to promulgate a legislative rule relating to patient rights at state-operated mental health facilities.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.