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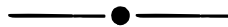
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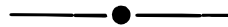
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House Bill No. 2700

(By Delegates H. White, Hrutkay and R. M. Thompson)



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H. B. 2700

(BY DELEGATES H. WHITE, HRUTKAY
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AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article three-c, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to peer review organization protection and adding to the definition of "review organization" a health maintenance organization review committee and a hospital, medical, dental and health service corporation review committee.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one, article three-c, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3C. HEALTH CARE PEER REVIEW ORGANIZATION PROTECTION.

§30-3C-1. Definitions.

1 As used in this article:

2 "Health care professionals" means individuals who are
3 licensed to practice in any health care field;

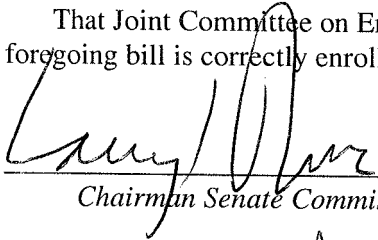
4 "Peer review" means the procedure for evaluation by health
5 care professionals of the quality and efficiency of services
6 ordered or performed by other health care professionals,
7 including practice analysis, inpatient hospital and extended care
8 facility utilization review, medical audit, ambulatory care
9 review, and claims review;

10 "Professional society" includes medical, psychological,
11 nursing, dental, optometric, pharmaceutical, chiropractic and
12 podiatric organizations having as members at least a majority
13 of the eligible licentiates in the area or health care facility or
14 agency served by the particular organization; and

15 "Review organization" means any committee or organiza-
16 tion engaging in peer review, including a hospital utilization
17 review committee, a hospital tissue committee, a medical audit
18 committee, a health insurance review committee, a health
19 maintenance organization review committee, hospital, medical,
20 dental and health service corporation review committee a
21 hospital plan corporation review committee, a professional
22 health service plan review committee or organization, a dental
23 review committee, a physicians' advisory committee, a podiatry
24 advisory committee, a nursing advisory committee, any
25 committee or organization established pursuant to a medical
26 assistance program, and any committee established by one or
27 more state or local professional societies or institutes, to gather
28 and review information relating to the care and treatment of
29 patients for the purposes of: (i) Evaluating and improving the
30 quality of health care rendered; (ii) reducing morbidity or
31 mortality; or (iii) establishing and enforcing guidelines de-
32 signed to keep within reasonable bounds the cost of health care.
33 It shall also mean any hospital board committee or organization
34 reviewing the professional qualifications or activities of its

35 medical staff or applicants for admission thereto, and any
36 professional standards review organizations established or
37 required under state or federal statutes or regulations.

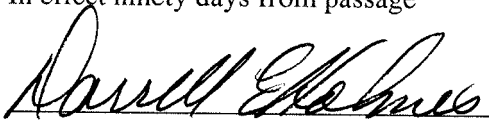
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

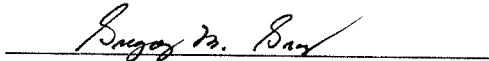

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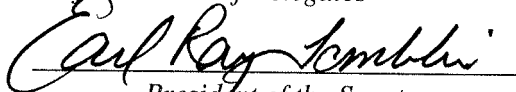

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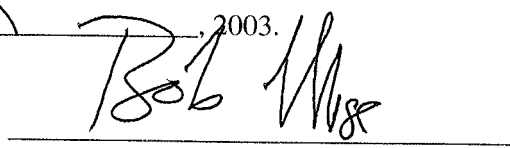

Clerk of the Senate


Clerk of the House of Delegates


President of the Senate


Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 20th
day of March, 2003.


Governor

PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 3/14/03

Time 9:45 am