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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-5P-15, relating to establishing an in-home care registry; defining terms; requiring the Bureau of Senior Services to develop and maintain the registry; providing legislative rule-making authority to the bureau; and specifying certain requirements to be provided in the legislative rule.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-5P-15, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5P. SENIOR SERVICES.

§16-5P-15. Establishment of In-home Care Registry.

- 1 (a) There is established within the Bureau of Senior
- 2 Services an in-home care worker registry which is to be

- 3 maintained by the bureau. The purpose of the registry is to
- 4 provide the public a list of in-home care workers, along with
- 5 their qualifications, who voluntarily agree to be included and
- 6 who have passed a criminal background check.
- (b) "In-home care worker" means an unlicensed person who provides personal care or other services and supports to persons with disabilities or to the elderly in order to enhance their well-being and which involves face-to-face direct contact with the person. Functions performed may include but are not limited to assistance and training in activities of daily living, personal care services, and job-related supports.
- 14 (c) The bureau shall propose rules for legislative approval 15 in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter 16 twenty-nine-a of this code, to establish the following:
- 17 (1) The registry of in-home care workers;
- 18 (2) The requirements for inclusion on the registry as an 19 'in-home care worker,' including educational attainment;
- 20 (3) A fee schedule of proposed rates for those services 21 and supports provided by the in-home care worker based 22 upon qualifications of the in-home care workers, such as 23 educational attainment:
- 24 (4) Requirement of completion and passage of a criminal 25 background check, consisting of checking the National 26 Instant Criminal Background Check System and the West 27 Virginia criminal history record responses. If an in-home 28 care worker is included on the list with a criminal history 29 indicated on his or her criminal background check, that information shall be noted on the registry. The bureau may 30 31 not remove a person from the registry if the criminal 32 background check reveals any negative information;

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- 33 (5) How a person obtains information from the registry;
- 34 and
- 35 (6) Any other requirement necessary to implement the
- 36 provisions of this section.

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

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