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House Bill 2873

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to the Committee on Banking and Insurance then Health

and Human Resources.]

1   A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,

2   designated §9-2-14, relating to requiring the Insurance Commissioner to establish an

3   insurance program for health and medical insurance coverage to be offered in counties

4   with limited insurance providers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

§9-2-14. Insurance program for health and medical insurance coverage in counties with

limited insurance providers.

1   (a) The Insurance Commissioner shall, by July 1, 2020, establish a state-run program that

2   will offer health and medical insurance coverage to individuals or families in counties where there

3   are two or fewer insurance providers offering insurance that provide coverage for health and

4   medical expenses. All state agencies shall provide assistance to the Insurance Commissioner

5   upon the commissioner's request. The program may provide coverage as allowed by §33-16F-1

6   *et seq.* of this code.

7   (b) Before October 1, 2019, the commissioner shall present to the Joint Committee on

8   Government and Finance a written report outlining the commissioner's progress in establishing

9   the program. The report shall include drafts of proposed legislation that the commissioner's finds

10   would facilitate the establishment of the program.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the Insurance Commissioner to establish an insurance program for health and medical insurance coverage to be offered in counties with limited insurance providers.

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