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Senate Bill 563

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NOTE

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[Introduced March 5, 2021; referred
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources;
and then to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
2 designated §16-2Q-1, relating to banning medical abortions using RU-486.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2Q. MEDICAL ABORTION PROHIBITION

§16-2Q-1. Prohibition on Medical Abortion.

1 (a) For the purposes of this act: “RU-486” refers to the drug commonly referred to as
2 “Mifepristone,” “Mifegyne”, or “Mifeprex,” first developed by the French pharmaceutical company
3 Roussel-Uclaf in April, 1980.

4 (b) The manufacture, sale or transfer, possession, or transportation of RU-486 or any
5 substantially similar generic or non-generic abortifacient drug within, the importation thereof into,
6 or the exportation thereof from the state of West Virginia is hereby prohibited.

7 (c) Violation of this statute is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$3,000
8 or confine in jail no more than six months, or both fined and confined.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to ban medical abortions using RU-486.

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