

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2022 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 160**

BY SENATOR KARNES

[Introduced January 12 ,2022; referred  
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources;  
and then to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §33-16I-10, relating to prohibiting abortion coverage in qualified health care  
 3 plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2023; and providing an exception to the  
 4 prohibition when a mother’s life is in danger.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 16I. WEST VIRGINIA HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE ACT.**

**§33-16I-10. Opt-out of abortion coverage.**

1 Abortion coverage in qualified health plans offered through the exchange, whether the  
 2 exchange is run solely by the state, in partnership with the federal government or solely by the  
 3 federal government, is prohibited in those plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2023:  
 4 Provided, That this does not prohibit coverage of abortion if the mother’s life is in danger.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit abortion coverage in qualified health care plans on or after January 1, 2023, with the exception for coverage when a mother’s life is in danger.

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