

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

### **Committee Substitute**

**for**

### **House Bill 3444**

By Delegate Worrell

[Originating in the Committee on Health and Human  
Resources; Reported on March 25, 2025]

1 A BILL to repeal §16-3-7, §16-3-8, §16-3-9, and §16-3-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as  
2 amended, relating to inflammation of the eyes of newborns.

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

**ARTICLE 7. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE AND OTHER  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**

**§16-3-7. Inflammation of the eyes of the newborn.**

1 [Repealed.]

**§16-3-8. Inflammation of the eyes of the newborn -- Duty of those assisting at childbirth to  
report cases; treatment.**

2 [Repealed.]

**§16-3-9. Inflammation of the eyes of the newborn -- Duties of local health officer.**

3 [Repealed.]

**§16-3-10. Inflammation of eyes of newborn -- Use of an appropriate medication as  
prophylactic.**

4 [Repealed.]

**§16-3-11. Same -- Duty of clerk of county commission.**

5 [Repealed.]

**§16-3-12. Same -- Duties of the state director of health; duties of board of health.**

6 [Repealed.]

**§16-3-13. Same -- Offenses; penalties.**

7 [Repealed.]

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to repeal the sections of code relating to the inflammation of the eyes of newborns.

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