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HOUSE BILL No. 1450

(By Mr. Del. McCormick)

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(By DELEGATE MCCORMICK)

[Passed April 13, 1985; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article nineteen, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to parties subject to penalties for certain traffic violations; creating a violation of driving less than ten miles per hour over the stated speed limit on certain highways; penalty; violations not subject to report to department of motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section two, article nineteen, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 19. PARTIES, PROCEDURE UPON ARREST AND REPORTS IN CRIMINAL CASES.

§17C-19-2. Offenses by persons owning or controlling vehicles; owner present in vehicle to be arrested rather than driver for certain traffic violations.

1 It is unlawful for the owner, or any other person, employing 2 or otherwise directing the driver of any vehicle to require or 3 knowingly to permit the operation of such vehicle upon a 4 highway in any manner contrary to law.

5 If the owner of a motor vehicle is present in the vehicle at 6 a time when another driver is operating the vehicle upon the 7 highways of this state (1) with defective or improper equipment 8 in violation of the provisions of article fifteen of this chapter, 2

9 (2) in violation of the weight, height, length or width 10 provisions of article seventeen of this chapter, (3) with 11 improper registration in violation of the provisions of article 12 three, chapter seventeen-a of this code or (4) with an expired 13 vehicle inspection decal or certificate in violation of the 14 provisions of article sixteen of this chapter, the owner rather 15 than the driver shall be arrested for any violation enumerated herein in lieu of an arrest of the driver. If the owner of the 16 17 vehicle is not present therein, then the driver shall be arrested 18 for any violation enumerated in this section.

19 If an owner or driver is arrested under the provisions of this 20 section for the offense of driving above the speed limit on a 21 controlled access highway or interstate highway, and if the 22 evidence shall show that the motor vehicle was being operated 23 at less than ten miles per hour above said speed limit, then 24 upon conviction thereof, such person shall be fined not more 25 than five dollars, plus court costs.

26 If an owner or driver is convicted under the provisions of 27 this section for the offense of driving above the speed limit 28 on a controlled access highway or interstate highway, and if 29 the evidence shall show that the motor vehicle was being 30 operated at less than ten miles per hour above said speed limit, 31 then notwithstanding the provisions of section four, article 32 three, chapter seventeen-b of this code, a certified abstract of 33 the judgment on such conviction shall not be transmitted to 34 the department of motor vehicles.

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

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