

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §37-6-31**

## **§37-6-31. Exclusions from application of this article.**

(a) For purposes of this Article, "squatter" means a person occupying a dwelling unit who is not so entitled under a rental agreement or who is not authorized by the tenant to occupy that dwelling unit. "Squatter" does not include a tenant who holds over in a periodic tenancy as described in §37-6-5 of this code.

(b) Occupancy by a squatter is not governed by the provisions of this article.

(c) No Court of this state shall require the utilization of eviction, or a similar procedure such as those found under the provisions of this chapter, by an owner in any instance involving the removal of a squatter from possession of a property, and such removal shall not be unduly hindered.