## **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §4-5-7**

## §4-5-7. Impersonation or obstruction of commission member or staff.

- (a) A person is guilty of impersonating a member or employee of the Commission on Special Investigations when he or she does one of the following:
- (1) Falsely represents himself or herself to be a member or employee of the commission;
- (2) Falsely represents himself or herself to be acting under the order or direction, or to have the authority, of the commission or its staff; or
- (3) Falsely presents a badge, credentials, other insignia or likeness thereof, used by the commission for identification as a member of the commission or its staff.
- (b) Any person who, by threats, menaces, or acts, or who forcibly or illegally hinders or obstructs or attempts to hinder or obstruct a Commission on Special Investigations member or employee acting in his or her official capacity, is guilty of obstruction: Provided, That failure to produce information or records at the request of a member or employee of the commission is not obstruction when such disclosure is prohibited by state or federal law.
- (c) Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,500, or confined in jail for not more than one year, or both fined and confined.