

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §5a-3-28

§5A-3-28. Financial interest of secretary, etc.; receiving reward from interested party; penalty; application of bribery statute.

(a) Neither the secretary, nor the director nor any employee of the Division of Purchasing, shall be financially interested, or have any beneficial personal interest, directly or indirectly, in the purchase of any commodities, services or printing, nor in any firm, partnership, corporation or association furnishing them. Neither the secretary, nor the director nor any employee of the Division of Purchasing, shall accept or receive directly or indirectly from any person, firm or corporation, known by such secretary, director or employee to be interested in any bid, contract or purchase, by rebate, gift or otherwise, any money or other thing of value whatsoever, or any promise, obligation or contract for future reward or compensation.

(b) A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail not less than three months nor more than one year, or fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,000, or both, in the discretion of the court: Provided, That any person who violates any of the provisions of the last sentence of the first paragraph of this section under circumstances constituting the crime of bribery under the provisions of section three, article five-a, chapter sixty-one of this code, shall, upon conviction of bribery, be punished as provided in said article five-a.