WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §60-6-18

§60-6-18. Search warrants.

If there be complaint on oath or affirmation supported by affidavit or affidavits setting forth the facts for such belief that alcoholic liquors are being manufactured, sold, kept, stored or in any manner held, used or concealed in a particular house or other place in violation of law, the justice of the peace, circuit, criminal or intermediate court, or the judge thereof in vacation, or the mayor of any city, town or village to whom such complaint is made, if satisfied that there is a probable cause for such belief, shall issue a warrant to search such house or other place for alcoholic liquors. Such warrants, except as herein otherwise provided, shall be issued, directed and executed in accordance with the laws of West Virginia pertaining to search warrants.

Warrants issued under this chapter for the search of any automobile, boat, conveyance or vehicle, or for the search of any trunk, grip or other article of baggage, for alcoholic liquor, may be executed in any part of the state where the same are overtaken, and shall be made returnable before any justice of the peace, circuit, criminal or intermediate court, or the judge thereof in vacation, or the mayor of any city, town or village within whose jurisdiction such automobile, boat, conveyance, vehicle, trunk, grip or other article of baggage, or any of them, were transported or attempted to be transported contrary to law.

An officer charged with the execution of a warrant issued under this section, may, whenever it is necessary, break open and enter a house, or other place herein described.

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