WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §61-10-11a

§61-10-11a. “Policy” or “numbers”; penalty.

Any person who keeps, occupies or uses, or permits to be kept, occupied or used, a place, building, room, table, establishment or apparatus for “policy” or “numbers” playing or for the sale of what are commonly called “lottery policies,” or who delivers or receives money or other valuable consideration in playing “policy” or “numbers,” or in aiding in the playing thereof, or for what is commonly called a “lottery policy,” or for any writing, or document in the nature of a bet, wager, or insurance upon the drawing or selection, or the drawn or selected numbers of any “policy” or “numbers” lottery; or who shall have in his possession, knowingly, any writing, paper or document, representing or being a record of any chance, share or interest in numbers sold, drawn or selected, or to be drawn or selected in what is commonly called “policy” or “numbers,” or in the nature of a bet, wager or insurance, upon the drawing or selection, or the drawn or selected numbers of any “policy” or “numbers” lottery; or any paper, print, writing, number, device, policy slip, or article of any kind such as is commonly used in carrying on, promoting or playing the game commonly called “policy” or “numbers”; or who is the owner, agent, superintendent, janitor or caretaker of any place, building, or room where “policy” or “numbers” playing or the sale of what are commonly called “lottery policies” is carried on with his knowledge or after notification that the premises are so used, permits such use to be continued, or who aids, assists, or abets in any manner, in any of the offenses, acts or matters herein named, shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall, in the discretion of the court, either be confined in the penitentiary not less than one year nor more than five years, or be confined in jail not less than six nor more than twelve months and fined not less than $200 nor more than $1,000. Upon commission of a second or subsequent offense under this section, he shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction shall be confined in the penitentiary of this state for a period of not less than two years nor more than ten years.

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