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SENATE BILL No. 149

(By Mr. Hardesty and Harmer)

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AN ACT to amend article ten, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered section twenty-two, relating to bribery of participants in games, sports and horse racing, and providing penalties.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That article ten, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, be amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered section twenty-two, to read as follows:

Section 22. *Bribery of Participants in Professional or Amateur Games and Horse Racing.*—Whoever gives, promises or offers to any professional or amateur baseball, football, basketball, hockey player or boxer or any player who participates in any professional or amateur game or sport or any jockey, driver, groom or any person participating in any horse race, including owners of race tracks and their employees, stewards, trainers, judges, starters, special policemen, any valuable thing with intent to influence him to lose or try to lose or cause to be lost a baseball, football, basketball, hockey game, boxing match or a horse race or any professional or amateur sport, or game, in which such player or participant or jockey or driver is taking part or expects to take part, or has any duty or connection therewith, or who, being either a professional or amateur baseball, football, basketball, hockey player, boxer, or jockey, driver, or groom or participant in any sport or game solicits or accepts any valuable thing to influence him to lose or cause to be lost a baseball, football, basketball, hockey or boxing match, or horse race or any professional or amateur

22 game of any professional or amateur sport in which he  
23 is taking part, or expects to take part, or has any duty  
24 or connection therewith, shall be guilty of a felony, and  
25 punishable by imprisonment for not less than one year,  
26 nor more than three years, or by a fine of not more than  
27 one thousand dollars, or by both fine and imprisonment.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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The within Approved this the 16  
day of March, 1945.

Clarence Medsker  
Governor.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State  
of West Virginia MAR 19 1945

Wm. S. O'Brien  
Secretary of State

