WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1949

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SENATE BILL No. 111

(By Mr. Bean)

PASSED February 28, 1949

In Effect Ninety days from Passage
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AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article nineteen, chapter seventeen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the unauthorized operation of vehicle; unlawful taking, receiving or disposing of the same; penalty.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section four, article nineteen, chapter seventeen, of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 4. Unauthorized Operation of Vehicle; Unlawful Taking, Receiving or Disposing of the Same; Penalty.—

No person, other than the duly authorized agent, servant or employee of the owner thereof, shall take, without the
knowledge and consent of the owner, and operate upon any public road or highway in this state, any automobile or other motor vehicle owned by another. Any person who, wilfully and without the knowledge or consent of the owner or person in lawful charge thereof, and with the intent to deprive such owner or person in lawful charge of the possession or use thereof, either temporarily or permanently, shall take possession of, enter and drive, or otherwise take away from any street, road, alley, public or private parking place, garage or other building or place, while the same is lawfully therein or thereon, any automobile or other motor vehicle belonging to another or in his lawful possession; and any person or persons who shall assist, aid and abet, or be present for the purpose and with the intent to assist, aid or abet, another person or persons in such taking possession of, entering and driving or otherwise taking away any such automobile or other motor vehicle; and any person who shall receive, buy, conceal, or otherwise dispose of any such automobile or other motor vehicle, knowing the same to have been stolen or taken without the knowledge or consent of the owner or
person in lawful charge thereof, shall be deemed guilty of
a felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not
less than two hundred nor more than five thousand dol-
lars, and confined in the penitentiary for not less than one
nor more than five years. If a corporation or joint stock
company, through or by any of its officers, members,
agents, servants or employees, under the circumstances
and with the knowledge defined in this section, shall re-
ceive, buy, conceal or otherwise dispose of any such auto-
mobile or other motor vehicle, such corporation or joint
stock company shall, upon conviction thereof, be pun-
ished with a fine of not less than two thousand nor more
than ten thousand dollars.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

[Signatures]
Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect Ninety days from passage.

[Signatures]
Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

[Signature]
Governor.

Filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia MAR 8 1949

D. Pitt O'Brien, Secretary of State