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## Senate Bill No. 6

[Passed March 5, 1951; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article eleven, chapter eleven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to inheritance and transfer taxes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Section 4. Exemptions.—(a) All property transferred

- $2\,$  to the state or to any county, school district, or municipal
- 3 corporation thereof for public purposes shall be exempt
- 4 from taxation under this article.
- 5 (b) No transfer of one hundred dollars or less shall

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- 6 be taxable under this article. For this purpose all
- 7 transfers from a decedent to the same transferee shall
- 8 be treated as a unit.
- 9 (c) In computing the tax upon property transferred
- 10 to a widow or a widower of a deceased person, an ex-
- 11 emption of fifteen thousand dollars shall be allowed.
- 12 (d) In computing the tax upon property transferred
- 13 to the father, mother, child or stepchild of the decedent
- 14 there shall be allowed an exemption of five thousand dol-
- 15 lars; from property transferred to a grandchild of the de-
- 16 cedent there shall be allowed an exemption of twenty-
- 17 five hundred dollars.
- 18 (e) There shall be exempt from taxation under this
- 19 article all property transferred to a person or corporation,
- 20 foreign or domestic, in trust or for use solely for educa-
- 21 tional, literary, scientific, religious or charitable pur-
- 22 poses: Provided, however, That the property so trans-
- 23 ferred for the purposes herein mentioned and the rentals,
- 24 profits, and proceeds thereof, are used exclusively in this
- 25 state, or for the sole benefit of persons domiciled in this
- 26 state, whether used within or without said state, and

- 27 provided that such use or uses for the purposes aforesaid
- 28 shall be evidenced by:
- 29 (1) Specific provision of a will or other instrument of
- 30 transfer requiring such use for such purposes; or
- 31 (2) Transfer to an institution, association, or orga-
- 32 nized group of persons, corporate or otherwise, or for
- 33 their use, and whose purposes and activities are devoted
- 34 exclusively to one or more of the purposes aforesaid; or
- 35 (3) An agreement with the tax commissioner, satis-
- 36 factory to him, executed by the trustee or other fiduciary,
- 37 or beneficiary named in any will or writing that all of the
- 38 property, rentals, profits, and proceeds received by it un-
- 39 der the will or other instrument of transfer for one or more
- 40 of the purposes aforesaid, will be used exclusively for the
- 41 use and benefit of persons domiciled within the state, or
- 42 exclusively within this state.
- 43 This amendment shall apply to all future devises, be-
- 44 quests, and gifts for such purposes, and shall be retroac-
- 45 tive and apply to all past devises, bequests, and gifts for
- 46 such purposes, wherein final payment of transfer or in-
- 47 heritance taxes has not been made to the State of West

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