WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1955

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 12

(By Mr. [Name]

PASSED [Date] 1955

In Effect [Number of Days] from Passage
AN ACT to amend article four, chapter eleven-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section to be numbered section thirty-nine-b, relating to release by the state of title and taxes on lands on which all taxes have been paid for ten years.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Section 39-b. Release of Title and Taxes.—In view of the desirability of stable land titles and to encourage land owners to cause their lands to be assessed and pay the taxes thereon, it is the purpose and intent of the Legis-
lature to release all the state's title and claim to any real
estate on which all taxes have been paid for ten consecu-
tive years, and release all taxes prior to such ten year
period. If, heretofore or hereafter, all taxes due on any
parcel of land for ten consecutive years have been fully
paid, all title to any such land acquired by the state prior
to said ten year period shall be and is hereby released
to the person who would be the owner thereof but for the
title of the state so released, and all unpaid taxes prior
to said ten year period are declared to be fully paid.
Nothing contained in this section shall affect or be held
or construed to affect in any way the right or title of a
person claiming title to any land by transfer as provided
in section three, article thirteen of the constitution of the
state of West Virginia.
It is the intention of the Legislature that this act shall
be both retroactive and prospective.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect 90 days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 7th day of March, 1955.

William C. Warfield
Governor

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