

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1955



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HOUSE BILL No. 12

(By Mr. Garry)



PASSED Feb 25 1955

In Effect 90 days from Passage



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of West Virginia MAR 8 1955
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House Bill No. 17

(Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)
[Passed February 25, 1955; in effect ninety 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

2 the desirability of stable land titles and to encourage land

3 owners to cause their lands to be assessed and pay the

4 taxes thereon, it is the purpose and intent of the Legis-


5 lature to release all the state's title and claim to any real
6 estate on which all taxes have been paid for ten consecu-
7 tive years, and release all taxes prior to such ten year
8 period. If, heretofore or hereafter, all taxes due on any
9 parcel of land for ten consecutive years have been fully
10 paid, all title to any such land acquired by the state prior
11 to said ten year period shall be and is hereby released
12 to the person who would be the owner thereof but for the
13 title of the state so released, and all unpaid taxes prior
14 to said ten year period are declared to be fully paid.

15 Nothing contained in this section shall affect or be held
16 or construed to affect in any way the right or title of a
17 person claiming title to any land by transfer as provided
18 in section three, article thirteen of the constitution of the
19 state of West Virginia.

20 It is the intention of the Legislature that this act shall
21 be both retroactive and prospective.

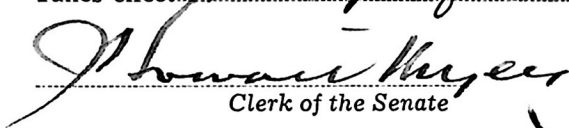
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

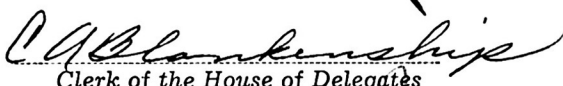

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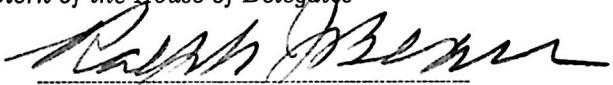

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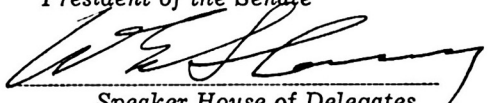
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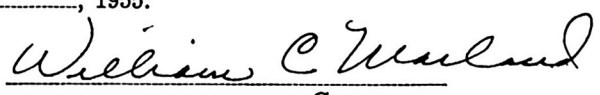

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The within approved this the 7
day of March, 1955.


Governor



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