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SENATE BILL NO. 29

(By Mr. Joyles - Mayo - Boyers)

PASSED Mar 12 1955

In Effect 90 days for Passage



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(By MR. TAYLOR of MINGO and MR. BOWERS)

(By request of the Joint Committee on Government and
Finance and Commission on Interstate Cooperation.)

[Passed March 12, 1955; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section sixteen, article eleven,
chapter nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand
nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the lists
and records of the Department of Public Assistance as
public records, and to misuse of such lists and records.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Section 16. *Public Assistance Lists and Records.*—

2 The department of public assistance shall make available
3 for public inspection and shall file in the office of the clerk
4 of the county court of each county by the tenth of each
5 month the names and addresses of all persons receiving
6 any form of relief assistance during the preceding month
7 together with the amounts of such relief assistance. This
8 information shall be made available in each county office
9 with respect to persons receiving such assistance as resi-
10 dents of that county. All information other than names,
11 addresses and amounts of such relief assistance shall be
12 considered as confidential.

13 It shall be unlawful, for commercial or political pur-
14 poses of any nature, for any person or persons, body,
15 association, firm, corporation or other agency to solicit,
16 disclose, receive, make use of, or to authorize, knowingly
17 permit, participate in, or acquiesce in the use of, any lists
18 of names of, or any information concerning, persons ap-
19 plying for or receiving relief assistance, directly or in-
20 directly derived from the records, papers, files, or com-
21 munications of the department of public assistance or

22 acquired in the course of performance of official duties.

23 The violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, punish-

24 able upon conviction, by a fine of not more than one

25 thousand dollars or imprisonment of not more than six

26 months, or both.

27 For the protection of applicants and recipients of relief

28 assistance, the department of public assistance shall be

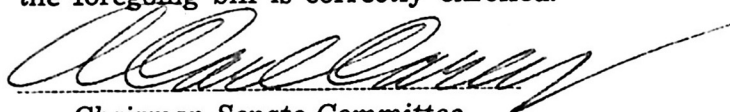
29 required to establish reasonable rules and regulations

30 governing the custody, use, and preservation of the

30 records, papers, files and communications of the depart-

31 ment.

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

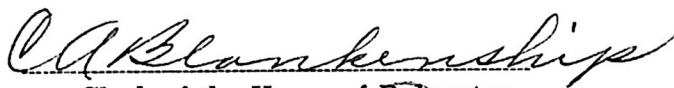

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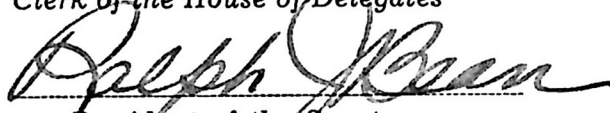

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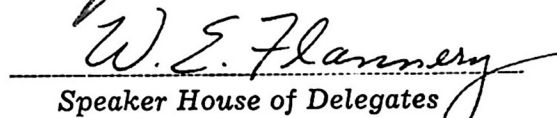
Originated in the Senate.


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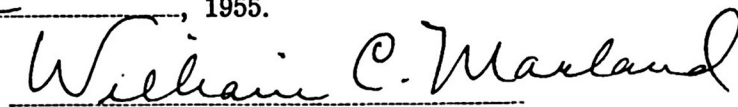

Clerk of the Senate


Clerk of the House of Delegates


President of the Senate


Speaker House of Delegates

The within  this the 16th
day of March, 1955.


Governor.



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