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SENATE BILL NO. 29

(BY Mr. Taylor - Morris - Burns)

PASSED MAR 17 1955

In Effect 90 Days after Passage

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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Senate Bill No. 29
(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 for public inspection and shall file in the office of the clerk of the county court of each county by the tenth of each month the names and addresses of all persons receiving any form of relief assistance during the preceding month together with the amounts of such relief assistance. This information shall be made available in each county office with respect to persons receiving such assistance as residents of that county. All information other than names, addresses and amounts of such relief assistance shall be considered as confidential.

It shall be unlawful, for commercial or political purposes of any nature, for any person or persons, body, association, firm, corporation or other agency to solicit, disclose, receive, make use of, or to authorize, knowingly permit, participate in, or acquiesce in the use of, any lists of names of, or any information concerning, persons applying for or receiving relief assistance, directly or indirectly derived from the records, papers, files, or communications of the department of public assistance or
acquired in the course of performance of official duties. The violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, punishable upon conviction, by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or imprisonment of not more than six months, or both.

For the protection of applicants and recipients of relief assistance, the department of public assistance shall be required to establish reasonable rules and regulations governing the custody, use, and preservation of the records, papers, files and communications of the department.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

W. J. Brantley, Jr.

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

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

William C. Marland
Governor.

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