WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1957

ENROLLED
SENATE BILL NO. 11

(By Mr. Rawles and Taylor)

PASSED Feb. 5, 1957

In Effect 90 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 the 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.—The department of public assistance shall make available for public inspection by the tenth of each month a separate
alphabetical list of 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 delivered to the clerk of each county court in the state who shall immediately file the same in his office with respect to persons receiving such assistance as residents of that county. Such information shall be retained in the files of said clerks of the county courts for a period of two years from the date of receipt thereof. 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

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

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 8th day of February, 1957.

Governor