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SENATE BILL NO. 316_

(By Mr, Bean + Carrigan)

PASSED March 7 1957

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(By Mr. Bean, Mr. President, and Mr. Carrigan)

[Passed March 7, 1957; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section nineteen-a, article two, chapter fifty-five of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the statute of limitations on collection of taxes, interest and penalties due the state of West Virginia or any subdivision thereof.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section nineteen-a, article two, chapter fifty-five of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 19-a. Collection of Taxes Due the State or Any

2 Subdivision Thereof.—Every action or process to collect

3 any tax (other than ad valorem tax on real or personal property), interest and penalty due the state or any subdivision thereof shall be brought or issued within three 5 years next after the date on which the taxpayer is required by the statute or ordinance imposing the tax, interest and penalty to file a return and pay the tax due thereupon, unless a different limitation is specifically prescribed by such statute or ordinance. The limitation provided by this section shall likewise apply to enforcement of the lien, if any, securing the payment of such tax, interest and penalty, but shall not apply in event of fraud or in event the taxpayer wholly fails to file the return required by the statute or ordinance imposing the tax. 15 16 The official of the state or any subdivision thereof who is charged with the duty of collecting any tax, interest and penalty the collection of which is affected by the limitation hereinbefore provided may, before the running of the three-year period of such limitation has been com-20 pleted, enter into a written agreement with the taxpayer consenting to an extension of such period for an addi-

tional period of not to exceed two years, and any action

or process may be brought or issued to collect such tax, interest and penalty at any time prior to the expiration of the period so agreed upon. The period so agreed upon may be extended for additional periods not in excess of two years each by subsequent agreements in writing made before the expiration of the period previously

agreed upon.

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

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