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HOUSE BILL No. 319

(By Mr. Robertson and Zuber)

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In Effect From Passage

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[Passed March 6, 1939; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section eighteen, article eight, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to exemptions from penalties for laboring on the Sabbath.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Section 18. Limitation of Preceding Section; Contract Made on Sabbath Day Valid.—No forfeiture shall be incurred or conviction had under the preceding section for the transportation on the Sabbath day of the mail, or of passengers and their baggage carried by any mode of public conveyance, or for running any railroad train, traction car or system, automobile or other motor car.
carrying passengers for pleasure or hire, steamboat or other boat used in carrying passengers or freight, garages, gasoline service stations, manufacturing establishments or any of their employees where the processes of said manufacture require continuous operation and where said employees are on rotating shift schedules, on the Sabbath day, or for the operation of, or labor in, grocery stores or other similar establishments engaged primarily in the sale of food products for human consumption: Provided, however, That no such establishment located within three hundred feet of a church shall remain open for business on the Sabbath day during the customary hours for morning and evening worship in such church, or for carrying firearms or shooting on that day, by any person having the right so to do under the laws of the United States or of this state; and no forfeiture shall be incurred or conviction had under the preceding section by or of any person who conscientiously believes that the seventh day of the week ought to be observed as a Sabbath and actually refrains from all secular business and labor on that day, provided he does not compel any apprentice or servant not of his
belief to do secular work or business on Sunday, and does
not on that day disturb any other person in his observance
of the same. No contract shall be deemed void because it
is made on the Sabbath day.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect from passage

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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

The within approved this the 16th day of March, 1959.

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Governor