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HOUSE BILL No. 52

(By Mr. Commonwth. Judiciary)

PASSED March 13, 1959

In Effect 90 days from Passage

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JOE F. BURDETT
SECRETARY OF STATE
AN ACT to amend and reenact section eleven, article eight, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to obscene literature, books and pictures and the penalty for sale, possession, distribution or exhibition thereof.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section eleven, 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 11. Obscene Literature, Books and Pictures;

Penalty.—If any person import, print, publish, sell or distribute any book or other thing containing obscene language, or any print, picture, figure or description manifestly tending to corrupt the morals of youth, or tending to corrupt the public morals, or introduce into any family,
school or place of education, or buy or have in his posses-
sion, any such thing, for the purpose of sale, exhibition
or circulation, or with intent to introduce it into any
family, school, or place of education, he shall be guilty of
a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be confined
in jail not more than one year and fined not exceeding
one thousand dollars. Upon commission of a second or
subsequent offense under this section, he shall be guilty
of a felony, and upon conviction shall be confined in the
penitentiary of this state for a period of not less than one
nor more than five years.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates.

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 is approved this the 30th day of March 1959.

Governor