WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1979

ENROLLED
SENATE BILL NO. 195
(By Mr. Jones and Mr. Maryland)

PASSED March 9, 1979
In Effect ninety days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section twenty-a, article three, chapter eleven-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to extending the time in which a purchaser of nonexistent or erroneously listed land may obtain a refund of the purchase price.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section twenty-a, article three, chapter eleven-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3. SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES.

§11A-3-20a. Refund to purchaser of payment made at sheriff's sale where property is subject of an erroneous assessment or is otherwise nonexistent.

If, after payment of the amount bid at a sheriff's sale and upon the examination of title, as required by section twenty of this article, the purchaser shall discover that the property purchased at such sale is the subject of an erroneous assessment or is otherwise nonexistent, such purchaser may submit the certificate of an attorney at law that the property is the subject of an erroneous assessment or is otherwise nonexistent, whereupon the sheriff shall cause the moneys so paid to be refunded: Provided, That the certificate shall be submitted by the first day of January of the second year following the sale. Upon refund, the sheriff shall inform the assessor of the erroneous assessment for the purpose of having the assessor correct said error.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence E. Chresten, Jr.  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

J.R. De Leon  
Clerk of the Senate

I.A. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

D.D. Blankenship  
President of the Senate

Theodore G. Bilbo  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 24th day of March, 1979.

John D. Rhoades  
Governor