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(By Delegate Love)

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AN ACT to amend article seven, chapter sixty-two of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section three, relating to stay of execution of sentence pending appeal generally; providing for removal to the penitentiary or other place of incarceration; authorizing the return of a defendant to a place of confinement near the place of trial if necessary; and establishing a procedure for bail in cases where a defendant is removed to the penitentiary or confined elsewhere pending disposition of appeal.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article seven, chapter sixty-two of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section three, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 7. EXECUTION OF SENTENCES; STAYS.

§62-7-3. Stay of proceedings; removal to penitentiary after reasonable time pending appeal; procedure for bail.

1 (a) Whenever a stay of proceedings has been granted 2 pursuant to section one or two of this article or any rule of

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3 court relating to stays granted under those sections, and 4 the court upon its own motion or after notice and motion by 5 the prosecuting attorney or the defendant shall determine that 6 it is no longer necessary to retain the defendant at a place 7 of confinement near the place of trial in order to permit the 8. defendant to assist in the preparation of his or her appeal to 9 the supreme court of appeals, then unless the defendant shall 10 have posted bail, the sentencing court may vacate the order 11 granting the stay or, in the case of the supreme court of 12 appeals, the supreme court of appeals may vacate its order 13 granting the stay upon the recommendation of the circuit 14 court. Upon the vacation of the order granting the stay, the 15 defendant shall be removed to the penitentiary pursuant to 16 the provisions of section seven of this article: Provided, That 17 the sentencing court or the supreme court of appeals may 18 order incarceration elsewhere for other good cause. In the 19 case of the removal of a defendant from a place of confine-20 ment near the place of trial, if at any time during the pendency 21 of the petition for appeal or the appeal the defendant shall 22 post bail or the defendant or the defendant's counsel shall 23 have exhibited the defendant's readiness and ability to post 24 such bail, then the stay shall again be granted or the super-25 sedeas shall be reinstated and the defendant dealt with as 26 hereinafter provided in this section. If a defendant be con-27 fined away from the place of trial under the provisions of 28 this subsection, he may nonetheless be returned to a place 29 of confinement near the place of trial at any time his presence 30 is necessary to facilitate preparation for, or access to, pro-31 ceedings for an appeal.

32 (b) If a defendant is not released pending disposition of 33 appeal and is removed to the penitentiary or other place of 34 confinement in accordance with the provisions of subsection 35 (a) of this section, then upon the fixing of bail in a proper 36 case, the defendant may be admitted to bail as heretofore pro-37 vided by law and released from any incarceration in accord-38 ance with the terms and conditions of such bail, by the 39 warden of the state penitentiary or other officer having lawful 40 custody, upon the release order of the clerk or judge of the 41 court before whom such bail is to be given. A release order

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42 shall be promptly issued by the clerk or judge when the 43 requirements for bail have been complied with or when the 44 defendant or the defendant's counsel has exhibited the de-45 fendant's readiness and ability to comply with such require-46 ments. Such release order may be provisional in form indi-47 cating that proper arrangements for bail have been made and 48 could be completed upon the personal appearance of the 49 defendant before the clerk or judge. In order to be admitted 50 to bail following the execution by the clerk or judge of the 51 release order or provisional release order the defendant shall 52 be promptly brought before the court or clerk by the officer 53 having custody. If the circumstances under which bail was 54 fixed have changed so that bail is no longer appropriate, bail 55 may be denied: Provided, That nothing in this subsection is 56 intended to alter the conditions under which an individual may be admitted to bail under other provisions of law. 57

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

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