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SENATE BILL NO. 614

Originating in the Committee
(By Senator [Name of Senator])

PASSED March 9, 1990
In Effect [Number of Days] days from Passage
AN ACT to amend article five, chapter fifty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section twelve, relating to evidence and witnesses; and certain reproductions deemed duplicates.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article five, chapter fifty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted by adding thereto a new section, designated section twelve, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

§57-5-12. Certain documents deemed duplicates.

1 A reproduction of a document acquired from the employment of a system of microphotography, optical discs or computerized techniques which system does not permit additions, deletions or changes to the record of the original document contained within the system shall be deemed to be a duplicate for purposes of admission into evidence in the courts of this state.
A reproduction deemed a duplicate pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be authenticated by competent testimony or by an attestation which shall recite the type of recording system employed, that such system does not permit additions, deletions or changes to the record and that the attestant has actual knowledge of the aforementioned facts.

The provisions of this section shall be construed to provide an additional method of qualifying original writings or recordings and duplicates thereof as admissible in evidence, and shall not replace or derogate any other methods set forth elsewhere in this code or provided for in the West Virginia rules of evidence as adopted by the supreme court of appeals.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety 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 20th day of the month of November, 1990.

Governor