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HOUSE BILL No. 4171

(By Delegates *Beach and Fleischauer*)



Passed March 9, 1996

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AN ACT to amend article six, chapter twenty-four of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section ten, relating to prohibiting persons or organizations from using "911" in their name; directing the public service commission to promulgate legislative rules regarding the acceptable use of "911"; and creating criminal penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article six, chapter twenty-four of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section ten, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6. LOCAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

§24-6-10. Prohibition against using "911" in company name.

1 No person or organization of any kind may use "911"
2 or such other numbers which are similar and calculated to
3 deceive the public as representing "911" services in their
4 name unless the person or organization is authorized to

5 provide emergency telephone services for firefighting, law
6 enforcement and medical personnel. The public service
7 commission shall propose rules for legislative promulga-
8 tion in accordance with article three, chapter twenty-nine-a
9 of this code regarding the acceptable use of "911" and
10 shall have the authority to authorize any organization or
11 person to use "911" for the purposes of promoting the
12 education of the public regarding the "911" service. This
13 section may not be construed as affecting motor vehicle
14 license plate numbers issued by the division of motor
15 vehicles, or race cars that use a "911" logo, when the num-
16 ber is not used for purposes of deceiving the public that
17 the operator or owner operates "911" services. Any person
18 or organization convicted of a violation of this section
19 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of
20 not more than five hundred dollars per occurrence.

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

Paul Sabourin

Chairman Senate Committee

Randy Seaman

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Barrett Edelman

Clerk of the Senate

Gregory M. Brown

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Carl By Tomblin

President of the Senate

Robert L. Taylor

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 21st
day of March, 1996.

Winston Caputo

Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

GOVERNOR,

Date 3/19/96

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