WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1996

ENROLLED
Con. Sub. for
HOUSE BILL No. 4171

(By Delegate Beach and Fleischauer)

Passed March 9, 1996
In Effect Ninety Days from Passage
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
provide emergency telephone services for firefighting, law enforcement and medical personnel. The public service commission shall propose rules for legislative promulgation in accordance with article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code regarding the acceptable use of "911" and shall have the authority to authorize any organization or person to use "911" for the purposes of promoting the education of the public regarding the "911" service. This section may not be construed as affecting motor vehicle license plate numbers issued by the division of motor vehicles, or race cars that use a "911" logo, when the number is not used for purposes of deceiving the public that the operator or owner operates "911" services. Any person or organization convicted of a violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars per occurrence.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the day of , 1996.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR
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