WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1999

ENROLLED
Committee Substitute for
SENATE BILL NO. 420

(By Senator SNYDER, ET AL.)

PASSED March 21, 1999
In Effect NINETY DAYS FROM Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article four, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the duties of drivers involved in accidents; clarifying duty to remain at scene of accident and to render aid to an injured person; and increasing the criminal penalties for leaving the scene of an accident resulting in a person's death.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one, article four, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
ARTICLE 4. ACCIDENTS.

§17C-4-1. Accidents involving death or personal injuries.

(a) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person shall immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close thereto as possible but shall then forthwith return to and shall remain at the scene of the accident until he or she has complied with the requirements of section three of this article: Provided, That the driver may leave the scene of the accident as may reasonably be necessary for the purpose of rendering assistance to an injured person as required by said section three. Every such stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than is necessary.

(b) Any person violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this section after being involved in an accident resulting in the death of any person is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by confinement in a correctional facility for not more than three years or fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both.

(c) Any person violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this section after being involved in an accident resulting in physical injury to any person is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by confinement in a county or regional jail for not more than one year, or fined not more than one thousand dollars, or both.

(d) The commissioner shall revoke the license or permit to drive and any nonresident operating privilege of any person convicted pursuant to the provisions of this section for a period of one year.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating 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

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Day of.................., 1999

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