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FOR House Bill No. 4169

(By Delegates Stemple, Manuel, Warner and Pino)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section fourteen, article one, chapter twenty-five of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the electronic monitoring of offenders; permitting use of electronic monitoring equipment to aid in supervision of any offender; providing for the use of fees collected in the program; and revising restrictions on the types of equipment that may be used.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section fourteen, article one, chapter twenty-five of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. ORGANIZATION AND INSTITUTIONS.

§25-1-14. Electronic monitoring of offenders; special account.

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1 The commissioner may use electronic monitoring equip-2 ment to aid in the supervision of offenders. The commissioner 3 shall charge offenders subject to supervision by means of 4 electronic monitoring equipment a reasonable fee, to be 5 established under a legislative rule promulgated by the commissioner pursuant to article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this 7 code, to help defray the costs of the purchase and use of the equipment and the division of correction's operational costs: *Provided*, That an offender's inability to pay a fee does not 10 preclude the offender from being eligible for this program.

All fees collected shall be deposited in a special account in the state treasury designated the "electronic monitoring program account". The funds deposited in the account may be used by the commissioner only for the operation of the program and for the administration of the division of corrections.

"Electronic monitoring equipment" means an electronic device or apparatus approved by the division of corrections which is capable of recording or transmitting information regarding the offender's presence or nonpresence in a designated area. The device shall be minimally intrusive. Except to the extent provided in this section, the division of corrections shall not approve any monitoring device which is capable of recording or transmitting (i) visual images, except for that of a still image of the offender that can only be transmitted by the offender triggering the monitoring system, or (ii) information as to the offender's activities while he or she is within the designated area. A monitoring device may transmit information regarding blood alcohol levels. The monitoring device shall not be used to eavesdrop or record any conversation: *Provided*, That conversations between the offender and the person supervising the offender may be recorded solely for purpose of voice identification.

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