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**House Bill No. 4611**

(By Delegates Rowe, C. White, Hunt,  
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AN ACT to amend article five, chapter forty-four-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section nine, relating to standby guardianship; and providing that the documents contained in the court file be confidential.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

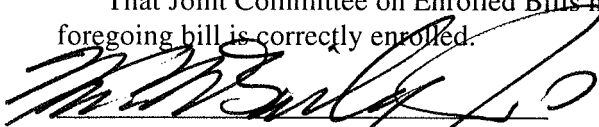
That article five, chapter forty-four-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section nine, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 5. STANDBY GUARDIANSHIP.**

**§44A-5-9. Petition and other records pertaining to standby guardianship confidential.**

1        Upon the filing of a petition requesting the approval of a  
2 standby guardian, all pleadings, exhibits and other documents  
3 contained in the court file are considered confidential and not  
4 open for public inspection, either during the pendency of the  
5 case or after the case is closed. The contents of the court file are  
6 open to inspection and copying by the parties, their designees  
7 and their attorneys.

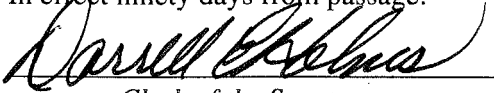
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

  
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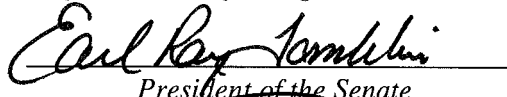
  
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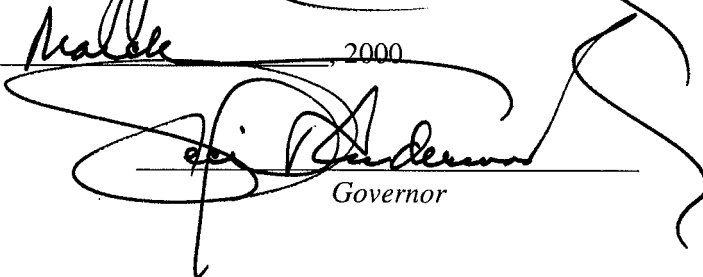
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President of the Senate

  
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Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within approved this the 28th  
day of March 2000  
  
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Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

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