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(By Delegates Staton, Amores, Wills, Givens,  
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AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article one, chapter six-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to providing that the president of the Senate shall be additionally designated the title of “lieutenant governor” in acknowledgment of the president’s position as first successor to the governor in the event the governor is unable to discharge the duties of his or her office.

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

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

**ARTICLE 1. EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL SUCCESSION.**

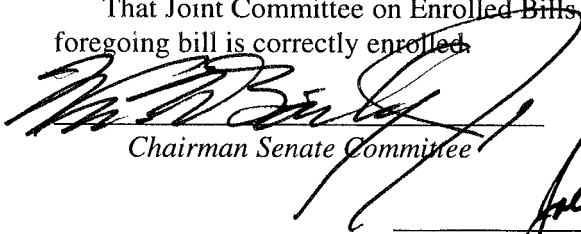
**§6A-1-4. Additional successors to office of governor.**

- 1 (a) In the event that the governor, for any of the reasons
- 2 specified in the constitution, is not able to exercise the powers
- 3 and discharge the duties of his or her office, or is unavailable,
- 4 then the president of the Senate shall act as governor, and if the

5 president of the Senate, for any of the reasons specified in the  
6 constitution, is not able to exercise the powers and discharge  
7 the duties of the office of governor, or is unavailable, then the  
8 speaker of the House of Delegates shall act as governor, and if  
9 the speaker of the House of Delegates, for any of the reasons  
10 specified in the constitution, is not able to exercise and dis-  
11 charge the duties of the office of governor, or is unavailable,  
12 then the attorney general, the state auditor, and resident ex-  
13 governors of this state, in inverse order of service, shall, in the  
14 order named, if the preceding named officers be unavailable,  
15 exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the office of  
16 governor until a new governor is elected and qualified, or until  
17 a preceding named officer becomes available.

18 (b) The Legislature recognizes that pursuant to the provi-  
19 sions of subsection (a) of this section, the president of the  
20 Senate is charged with the responsibility of first successor to  
21 the governor in the event the governor is unable to exercise the  
22 powers and discharge the duties of his or her office and in that  
23 regard, the president of the Senate is functioning similarly to a  
24 lieutenant governor. Therefore, the Legislature determines that  
25 the president of the Senate shall be additionally designated the  
26 title of "lieutenant governor" in acknowledgment of the  
27 president's responsibility as first successor to the governor.

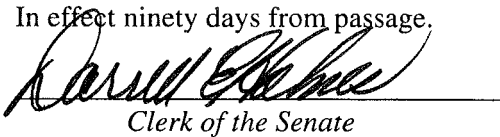
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

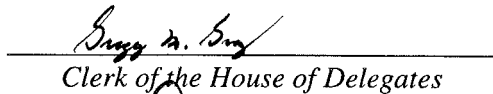
  
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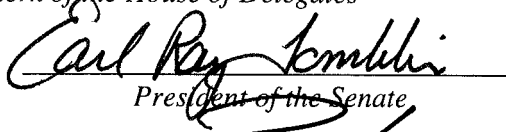
  
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Clerk of the Senate

  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

  
President of the Senate

  
Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within \_\_\_\_\_ approved this the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

  
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

GOVERNOR

Date: 3/27/10

Time: 3:25 pm