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AN ACT to amend the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §7-1-300, relating to authorizing county commissions to adopt ordinances to reduce false alarms.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §7-1-300, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. COUNTY COMMISSIONS GENERALLY.

§7-1-300. Authority to adopt ordinances relating to false alarms.

- 1 (a) In addition to all other powers and duties they now
- 2 possess, county commissions may enact ordinances, establish

3 a system of administration and enforcement, assess fees and
4 penalties, issue orders and take other necessary and appropriate
5 actions for the reduction and elimination of false alarms.

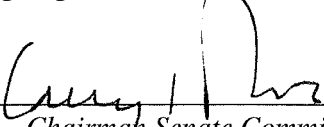
6 (b) The provisions of any false alarm ordinance adopted by
7 a county commission pursuant to this section shall take prece-
8 dence over any other county ordinance pertaining to false
9 alarms.

10 (c) Any false alarm ordinance adopted by a county commis-
11 sion shall provide that on or before the first day of January
12 2006, county 911 centers will only accept calls from Underwrit-
13 ers Laboratories certified central stations and be consistent with
14 the standards relating to burglar, security, medical and fire
15 alarms as established by the National Burglar and Fire Alarm
16 Association, the National Alarm Reduction Association, or their
17 successor organizations.

18 (d) The county commission shall appoint an alarm adminis-
19 trator to administer the false alarm ordinance. In counties that
20 have an enhanced emergency telephone system pursuant to
21 section six, article six, chapter twenty-four, the enhanced
22 emergency telephone system director shall be the administrator.
23 In counties without an enhanced emergency telephone system,
24 the alarm administrator shall be knowledgeable and qualified in
25 the areas of alarm systems and false alarm reduction efforts.

26 (e) The false alarm ordinance shall provide for the appoint-
27 ment of a false alarm advisory board, which shall consist of the
28 alarm administrator, the county sheriff or other law-enforce-
29 ment officer, a chief from a county fire department, or his or
30 her designee, a representative from the alarm industry, and a
31 member-at-large selected by the county commission to serve a
32 two-year term. The advisory board shall review, assist and
33 make recommendations concerning false alarm reduction
34 efforts and report to the commission.

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



Chairman Senate Committee



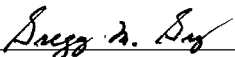
Chairman House Committee

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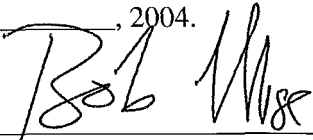


President of the Senate



Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is disapproved this the 7th
day of April, 2004.



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