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ENROLLED Senate Bill No. 569

(By SENATOR McCabe)

[Passed March 13, 2004; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact §44-5-15 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to clarifying and preserving the irrevocability of trusts that have been drafted to be irrevocable.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §44-5-15 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO FIDUCIARIES.

§44-5-15. Nonmerger of trusts.

- 1 (a) No trust is invalid or terminated, and title to trust
- 2 assets is not merged, because the trustee or trustees are the
- 3 same person or persons as the beneficiaries of the trust.
- 4 (b) No trust, which is otherwise irrevocable because the
- 5 grantor or settlor of the trust has not expressly reserved
- 6 the right to alter, amend, modify or revoke the trust or

- 7 because the creating instrument expressly provides or
- 8 states that the trust is irrevocable, is or becomes revocable
- 9 by the grantor or settlor because the grantor or settlor is
- 10 the sole beneficiary of the trust.
- 11 (c) This section applies to all trusts whenever executed
- 12 or created.

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