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(By Delegate Ellem)



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(BY DELEGATE ELLEM)

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AN ACT to repeal §61-11-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §61-11-6 of said code, all relating to crimes and their punishment; eliminating the felony offense of second or subsequent petit larceny; and increasing the penalty for accessory after the fact to certain crimes; establishing penalties and creating exceptions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 11. GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING
CRIMES.**


**§61-11-6. Punishment of principals in the second degree and
accessories before and after the fact.**

1 (a) In the case of every felony, every principal in the
2 second degree and every accessory before the fact shall be
3 punishable as if he or she were the principal in the first
4 degree; and every accessory after the fact shall be confined
5 in jail not more than one year and fined not exceeding \$500.
6 But no person in the relation of husband and wife, parent or
7 grandparent, child or grandchild, brother or sister, by

8 consanguinity or affinity, or servant to the offender, who,
9 after the commission of a felony, shall aid or assist a
10 principal felon, or accessory before the fact, to avoid or
11 escape from prosecution or punishment shall be deemed an
12 accessory after the fact.

13 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of
14 this section, any person who harbors, conceals, maintains or
15 assists the principal felon after the commission of the
16 underlying offense violating the felony provisions of sections
17 one, four, or nine of article two of this chapter, or gives such
18 offender aid knowing that he or she has committed such
19 felony, with the intent that the offender avoid or escape
20 detention, arrest, trial or punishment, shall be considered an
21 accessory after the fact and, upon conviction, be guilty of a
22 felony and confined in a state correctional facility for a
23 period not to exceed five years, or a period of not more than
24 one half of the maximum penalty for the underlying felony
25 offense, whichever is the lesser maximum term of
26 confinement. But no person who is a person in the relation of
27 husband and wife, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild,
28 brother or sister, whether by consanguinity or affinity, or
29 servant to the offender shall be considered an accessory after
30 the fact.

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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Clerk of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Delegates



President of the Senate



Speaker of the House of Delegates

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