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FOR
House Bill No. 2888

(By Delegates Hamilton, Barker, M. Poling, Mahan, Marshall, Moore, D. Poling, Caputo, Longstreth, Ellem and Savilla)

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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §22A-6-12; relating to directing the Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety to conduct a study of strengthening of protections for whistleblowers of unsafe working conditions in mines.

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 §22A-6-12, to read as follows:
ARTICLE 6. BOARD OF COAL MINE HEALTH AND SAFETY.

§22A-6-12. Study of whistleblower protections.

Study of Whistleblower protections. -- The Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety is directed to conduct a study of the need to expand protections for whistleblowers and other miners who refuse to work in situations they perceive as unsafe in underground mines. The Board shall study the benefits and appropriateness of requiring additional protections that will encourage miners to withdraw from and report unsafe working conditions. The Board shall investigate whether any pattern of retribution exists against these persons, and if so make recommendations to the Legislature regarding implementing additional protections. The Board shall report to the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Government and Finance by December 31, 2011 with recommendations regarding whether it is appropriate to implement any additional protections.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman, House Committee

Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Clerk of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

Acting President of the Senate

The within was approved this the 30th day of March, 2011.

Governor