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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
House Bill No. 2240  

(By Delegate(s) Kurcaba, Fleischauer, Statler, Householder, Espinosa, Moffatt, Summers, Blair, Hicks, Byrd and Upson)  

Passed March 14, 2015  

In effect ninety days from passage.
AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §61-2-9d, relating to crimes against the person; providing that strangling is a criminal offense; defining bodily injury and strangling; providing a felony offense of strangling another; and providing criminal penalties.

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 §61-2-9d, to read as follows:
§61-2-9d. Strangulation; definitions; penalties.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Bodily injury" means substantial physical pain, illness or any impairment of physical condition;

(2) "Strangle" means knowingly and willfully restricting another person's air intake or blood flow by the application of pressure on the neck or throat;

(b) Any person who strangles another and thereby causes them bodily injury or thereby to lose consciousness is guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be confined in a state correctional facility for not less than one year or more than five years fined not more than $2,500.00, or both.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman, House Committee

Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Clerk of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

The within is approved this the 1st day of April, 2015.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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