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House Bill No. 2608

(By Delegate(s) Sponaugle and Shott)

Passed March 12, 2015

In effect ninety days from passage.
AN ACT to amend and reenact §48-27-903 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to misdemeanor offenses for violation of protective order; and cleaning up redundant language.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §48-27-903 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 27. PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

§48-27-903. Misdemeanor offenses for violation of protective order; repeat offenses; penalties.

1 (a) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if the person knowingly and willfully violates:
(1) A provision of an emergency or final protective order entered pursuant to:

(A) Subsection (a) or (b) of section five hundred two of this article;

(B) If the court has ordered such relief; subsection (2), (7), (9), or (14) of section five hundred three of this article;

(C) Subsection (b) or (c) of section five hundred nine, article five of this chapter; or (D) subsection (b) or (c) of section six hundred eight, article five of this chapter;

(2) A condition of bail, probation or parole which has the express intent or effect of protecting the personal safety of a particular person or persons; or

(3) A restraining order entered pursuant to section nine-a, article two, chapter sixty-one of this code.

Upon conviction thereof the person shall be confined in jail for a period of not less than one day nor more than one year, which jail term shall include actual confinement of not less than twenty-four hours, and shall be fined not less than $250 nor more than $2,000.

(b) Any person who is convicted of a second offense under subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail for not less than three months nor more than one year, which jail term shall include actual confinement of not less than thirty days, and fined not less than $500 nor more than $3,000.

(c) A respondent who is convicted of a third or subsequent offense under subsection (a) when the violation occurs within ten years of a prior conviction of this offense is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail
not less than six months nor more than one year, which jail term shall include actual confinement of not less than six months, and fined not less than $500 nor more than $4,000.
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 23rd day of March, 2015.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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