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AN ACT to amend and reenact §61-3-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to criminalizing possession of property when a person knows or has reason to know it is stolen; making possession of stolen property larceny; and clarifying that possession of stolen property while acting in cooperation with law enforcement or at law enforcement's request is not a crime.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 3. CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY.

§61-3-18. Receiving or transferring stolen goods.

If any person buys or receives from another person, or aids in concealing, or transfers to a person other than the owner thereof, or possesses any stolen goods or other thing of value, which he or she knows or has reason to believe has been stolen, that person is guilty of the larceny thereof, and may be prosecuted although the principal offender has not been convicted: Provided, That possession of stolen goods while acting at the request of law enforcement or in cooperation with law enforcement does not constitute a violation of this section.
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.

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 24th day of February 2020.

Governor