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1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §61-3-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to criminalizing possession of property when a person knows or has reason to know it is  
3 stolen; making possession of stolen property larceny; and clarifying that possession of  
4 stolen property while acting in cooperation with law enforcement or at law enforcement's  
5 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.**

1 If any person buys or receives from another person, or aids in concealing, or transfers to  
2 a person other than the owner thereof, or possesses any stolen goods or other thing of value,  
3 which he or she knows or has reason to believe has been stolen, that person is guilty of the  
4 larceny thereof, and may be prosecuted although the principal offender has not been convicted:  
5 *Provided*, That possession of stolen goods while acting at the request of law enforcement or in  
6 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.

*Noor Capito*  
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Chairman, House Committee

*Mark Herring*  
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Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

*Steve Harris*  
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Jeanine*  
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Clerk of the Senate

*Robert Hanes*  
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Speaker of the House of Delegates

*Mike B. Combs*  
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President of the Senate

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SECRETARY OF STATE

The within *is approved* ..... this the *24th* .....  
day of *February* ..... 2020.

*James I. Goodson*  
.....  
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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Time 10:26 am