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1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §11A-3-2, §11A-3-13, §11A-3-38, §11A-3-45 of the Code of West
2 Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section,
3 designated §11A-3-45a; to amend and reenact §11A-3-46, §11A-3-47, §11A-3-48 of said
4 code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §11A-3-48a; and
5 to amend and reenact §11A-3-56 of said code, all relating to real property taxes; modifying
6 who is entitled to redeem real estate that is subject to delinquent taxes; modifying certain
7 public notices regarding the certification of real estate to the Auditor; modifying who is
8 entitled to redeem nonentered or certified lands; specifying that participation in certain
9 auctions conducted by West Virginia Auditor constitutes transacting business in West
10 Virginia; providing eligibility requirements to bid on tax liens at certain auctions conducted
11 by the Auditor; providing for certain rule-making authority, including emergency
12 rulemaking; barring certain parties from participating in auctions conducted by Auditor;
13 modifying certain public notices regarding certain auctions conducted by the Auditor;
14 providing for the incurrence of legal expenses related to title examinations by the West
15 Virginia Auditor and the reimbursement for those expenses; authorizing West Virginia
16 Auditor to refuse to sell unsold lands to potential buyers who fail to meet certain criteria;
17 and barring certain parties from purchasing unsold lands.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 3. SALE OF TAX LIENS AND NONENTERED, ESCHEATED, AND WASTE
AND UNAPPROPRIATED LANDS.**

§11A-3-2. Second publication of list of delinquent real estate; notice.

1 (a) On or before the September 10 of each year, the sheriff shall prepare a second list of
2 delinquent lands, which shall include all real estate in his or her county remaining delinquent as
3 of the first day of September, together with a notice of sale, in form or effect as follows:

4 Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land or undivided
5 interests therein in the County of _____ and the tax liens that encumber the same
6 which are delinquent for the nonpayment of taxes for the year (or years) 20_____, will be
7 certified to the Auditor for disposition pursuant to West Virginia Code §11A-3-44 on the 31st day
8 of October, 20_____.

9 Upon certification to the Auditor, tax liens on each unredeemed tract or lot, or each
10 unredeemed part thereof or undivided interest therein, shall be sold at public auction to the highest
11 bidder in an amount which shall not be less than the taxes, interest, and charges which shall be
12 due thereon to the date of sale, as set forth in the following table:

Name of person charged with taxes	Quantity of land	Local description	Total amount of taxes, interest, and charges due to date of sale
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14 If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold following the auction, they shall be subject to
15 sale by the Auditor without additional advertising or public auction, such terms as the Auditor
16 deems appropriate pursuant to §11A-3-48 of this code.

17 Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots, or part thereof or an undivided interest therein, may be
18 redeemed by the payment to the undersigned sheriff (or collector) before certification to the
19 Auditor, of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges due thereon up to the date of
20 redemption by credit card, cashier's check, money order, certified check, or United States
21 currency. Payment must be received in the tax office by the close of business on the last business
22 day prior to the certification.

23 After certification to the Auditor, any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by
24 any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon, the owner of the same whose interest is not subject
25 to separate assessment, or any person having a lien on the same, or on an undivided interest

26 therein, at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Auditor of the total amount of taxes, interest,
27 and charges due thereon up to the date of redemption.

28 Given under my hand this _____ day of
29 _____, 20_____.
30 _____

31 Sheriff (or collector).

32 The sheriff shall publish the list and notice prior to the sale date fixed in the notice as a
33 Class III-0 legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of §59-3-1 *et seq.* of this code,
34 and the publication area for such publication shall be the county.

35 (b) In addition to such publication, no less than 30 days prior to the sale by the Auditor
36 pursuant to §11A-3-44 of this code, the sheriff shall send a notice of the delinquency and the date
37 of sale by certified mail: (1) To the last known address of each person listed in the land books
38 whose taxes are delinquent; (2) to each person having a lien on real property upon which the
39 taxes are due as disclosed by a statement filed with the sheriff pursuant to the provisions of §11A-
40 3-3 of this code; (3) to each other person with an interest in the property or with a fiduciary
41 relationship to a person with an interest in the property who has in writing delivered to the sheriff
42 on a form prescribed by the Tax Commissioner a request for such notice of delinquency; and (4)
43 in the case of property which includes a mineral interest but does not include an interest in the
44 surface other than an interest for the purpose of developing the minerals, to each person who has
45 in writing delivered to the sheriff, on a form prescribed by the Tax Commissioner, a request for
46 such notice which identifies the person as an owner of an interest in the surface of real property
47 that is included in the boundaries of such property: *Provided*, That in a case where one owner
48 owns more than one parcel of real property upon which taxes are delinquent, the sheriff may, at
49 his or her option, mail separate notices to the owner and each lienholder for each parcel or may
50 prepare and mail to the owner and each lienholder a single notice which pertains to all such
51 delinquent parcels. If the sheriff elects to mail only one notice, that notice shall set forth a legally

52 sufficient description of all parcels of property on which taxes are delinquent. In no event shall
53 failure to receive the mailed notice by the landowner or lienholder affect the validity of the title of
54 the property conveyed if it is conveyed pursuant to §11A-3-27 or §11A-3-59 of this code.

55 (c) To cover the cost of preparing and publishing the second delinquent list, a charge of
56 \$25 shall be added to the taxes, interest, and charges already due on each item and all such
57 charges shall be stated in the list as a part of the total amount due.

58 (d) To cover the cost of preparing and mailing notice to the landowner, lienholder, or any
59 other person entitled thereto pursuant to this section, a charge of \$10 per addressee shall be
60 added to the taxes, interest, and charges already due on each item and all such charges shall be
61 stated in the list as a part of the total amount due.

62 (e) Any person whose taxes were delinquent on the first day of September may have his
63 or her name removed from the delinquent list prior to the time the same is delivered to the
64 newspapers for publication by paying to the sheriff the full amount of taxes and costs owed by the
65 person at the date of such redemption. In such case, the sheriff shall include but \$3 of the costs
66 provided in this section in making such redemption. Costs collected by the sheriff under this
67 section which are not expended for publication and mailing shall be paid into the General County
68 Fund.

§11A-3-13. Publication by sheriff of certification list.

1 Within one month after completion of the certification, the sheriff shall prepare and publish
2 a list of all the certifications made by him or her, in form or effect as follows, which list shall be
3 published as a Class II-0 legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of §59-3-1 *et seq.*
4 of this code, and the publication area for such publication shall be the county.

5 List of tax liens on real estate in the county of _____, in the month (or
6 months) of _____, 20_____, certified for nonpayment of taxes thereon
7 for the year (or years) 20_____, and certified to the Auditor of the State of West Virginia:

Name of	Local	Quantity of
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person charged with taxes	description of lands	land charged
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8 The owner of any real estate listed above, or any other person entitled to pay the taxes
 9 thereon whose interest is not subject to separate assessment, or any person having a lien on
 10 such real estate, or on an undivided interest therein may, however, redeem such real estate as
 11 provided by law.

12 Given under my hand this _____ day of _____, 20____.

13 _____

14 Sheriff

15 To cover the costs of preparing and publishing such list, a charge of \$15 shall be added
 16 to the taxes, interest, and charges already due on each item listed.

§11A-3-38. Redemption of nonentered or certified lands.

1 (a) The owner of any real estate certified to the Auditor pursuant to §11A-3-8 of this code
 2 whose interest is not subject to separate assessment, or any person having a lien on such real
 3 estate, or on an undivided interest therein, or the owner of any nonentered real estate subject to
 4 the authority of the Auditor pursuant to §11A-3-37 of this code, or any other person who was
 5 entitled to pay the taxes thereon may redeem such real estate from the Auditor at any time prior
 6 to the certification of such real estate to the deputy commissioner as provided in §11A-3-44 of
 7 this code. Thereafter such real estate shall be subject to disposition pursuant to §11A-3-44 of this
 8 code, and subsequent sections.

9 (b) In order to redeem the person seeking redemption must pay to the Auditor such of the
 10 following amounts as may be due: (1) The taxes, interest and charges due on the real estate on
 11 the date of certification to the Auditor or the discovery of the nonentry, with interest at the rate of
 12 12 percent per annum from the date of such certification or discovery; (2) all taxes assessed
 13 thereon for the year in which the certification occurred or nonentry was discovered, with interest
 14 at the rate of 12 percent per annum from the date on which they became delinquent, except when

15 such taxes are currently due and payable to the sheriff; (3) all taxes except those for the current
16 year which would have been assessed thereon since the certification had the certification not
17 occurred, or which, in case of nonentered lands, would have been assessed thereon had the land
18 been properly entered, with interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum from the date on which
19 such taxes would have become delinquent: *Provided*, That in the case of nonentered lands, the
20 owner shall not be liable for more than the taxes and interest which would have become due and
21 payable during the 10 years immediately preceding the date of the discovery of the nonentry.

22 (c) In computing the amount due under subdivision (3), subsection (b) of this section on
23 real estate certified to the Auditor by the sheriff, the Auditor shall use as the basis for computation
24 the classification and valuation placed thereon by the assessor for each year since the sale. If
25 such valuation and classification have not been made, he or she shall use the last valuation and
26 classification appearing on the property books. In computing the amount due under subdivision
27 (3), subsection (b) of this section on nonentered real estate, the Auditor shall use as the basis for
28 computation such classification and valuation as may, at the request of the Auditor or the person
29 redeeming, be certified to the Auditor by the assessor as the classification and valuation which in
30 his opinion would be proper for each year of nonentry.

31 (d) Redemption of an undivided interest included in a group assessment shall not be
32 permitted until the applicable provisions of §11A-1-9 or §11A-1-10 of this code have been
33 complied with, except that instead of presenting the assessor's certificate to the sheriff as therein
34 provided, the person redeeming shall present it to the Auditor, who, after making the necessary
35 changes in the land book, and in the record of delinquent lands kept in his or her office, shall
36 compute the taxes due on the part or interest redeemed.

§11A-3-45. Auditor to hold annual auction.

1 (a) Each tract or lot certified by the Auditor pursuant to §11A-3-44 of this code shall be
2 sold by him or her at public auction at the courthouse of the county to the highest eligible bidder
3 during the courthouse's normal operating hours on any business working day within 90 days after

4 the Auditor has certified the lands as required by §11A-3-44 of this code. The payment for any
5 tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check, U. S. currency, or money order payable
6 to the Auditor and delivered before the close of business on the day of sale. No part or interest in
7 any tract or lot subject to such sale, or any part thereof of interest therein, that is less than the
8 entirety of such unredeemed tract, lot, or interest, as the same is described and constituted as a
9 unit or entity in said list, shall be offered for sale or sold at such sale. If the sale shall not be
10 completed on the first day of the sale, it shall be continued from day to day between the same
11 hours until all the land shall have been offered for sale. Bidding at an auction held pursuant to
12 this section constitutes transacting business in this state for purposes of §31B-10-1001 *et seq.*,
13 §31D-15-1501 *et seq.*, and §31E-14-1401 *et seq.* of this code.

14 (b) A private, nonprofit, charitable corporation, incorporated in this state, which has been
15 certified as a nonprofit corporation pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the federal
16 Internal Revenue Code, as amended, which has as its principal purpose the construction of
17 housing or other public facilities and which notifies the Auditor of an intention to bid and
18 subsequently submits a bid that is not more than five percent lower than the highest bid submitted
19 by any person or organization which is not a private, nonprofit, charitable corporation as defined
20 in this subsection, shall be sold the property offered for sale at public auction by the Auditor
21 pursuant to the provisions of this section at the public auction as opposed to the highest bidder.

22 The nonprofit corporation referred to in this subsection does not include a business
23 organized for profit, a labor union, a partisan political organization, or an organization engaged in
24 religious activities, and it does not include any other group which does not have as its principal
25 purpose the construction of housing or public facilities.

26 (c) To attain eligibility to bid at a public auction held pursuant to this section, a potential
27 bidder must register in advance of such public auction with the Auditor's office or complete and
28 execute a notarized affidavit affirming that they meet the requirements set forth in this article on

29 the day of the sale. Registration shall be done in accordance with rules promulgated by the State
30 Auditor's office. The Auditor may deregister or refuse to register a potential bidder who:

31 (1) Has failed to make a payment owed at a prior auction held pursuant to this section;

32 (2) At the time of registration is delinquent in the payment of real property tax, for which
33 registrant is the most recent owner of record, to any county in this state;

34 (3) Has a history of noncompliance with code enforcement violations issued by a county
35 or municipality pursuant to §7-1-3ff and §8-12-16 of this code;

36 (4) At the time of registration is subject to legal proceedings in any county or municipality
37 that are related to code enforcement violations regarding real property owned by him or her; and

38 (5) Within the preceding five years prior to the auction, has failed to comply with a valid
39 raze or repair order (or any other similar order) issued by a county or municipality.

40 (d) Potential bidders who are domestic or foreign entities as defined in chapters 31B, 31D,
41 and 31E of this code must show proof at the time of their registration that they properly registered
42 with the Secretary of State's office and are authorized to conduct business in this state.

43 (e) In order to effectuate the purposes of this section, the Auditor may promulgate
44 procedural rules, interpretive rules, and legislative rules, including emergency rules, or any
45 combination thereof, in accordance with §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code.

11A-3-45a. Certain parties barred from participating in public auctions.

1 (a) Citizens of or entities organized in or controlled by citizens or governments of any
2 country designated as a Country of Particular Concern by the Department of State of the United
3 States of America are ineligible from participating in any public auction held pursuant to §11A-3-
4 45 of this code.

5 (b) For purposes of this section, "Country of particular concern" means a country that has
6 been designated as such by the Department of State of the United States of America pursuant to
7 Section 408(a) of 22 USC 6448.

§11A-3-46. Publication of notice of auction.

1 (a) Once a week for three consecutive weeks prior to the auction required in §11A-3-45 of
2 this code, the Auditor shall publish notice of the auction as a Class III-0 legal advertisement in
3 compliance with the provisions of §59-3-1 *et seq.* of this code, and the publication area for such
4 publication shall be the county.

5 The notice shall be in form or effect as follows:

6 Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of
7 _____, have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia, for sale
8 at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Auditor at public auction
9 in (specify location) the courthouse of _____ County between the hours of
10 _____ in the morning and _____ in the afternoon, on the
11 _____ day of _____, 20____.

12 Each tract or lot as described below will be sold to the highest eligible bidder at the auction.
13 The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order
14 payable to the Auditor and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of
15 said tracts or lots remain unsold following the auction, they will be subject to later sale without
16 additional advertising or public auction. All potential bidders must register in advance of the
17 auction with the Auditor's office. Citizens of or entities organized in or controlled by citizens of any
18 country designated as a Country of Particular Concern by the Department of State of the United
19 States of America are ineligible from participating in the auction held pursuant to this section.
20 Bidding at the auction constitutes transacting business in this state for purposes of §31B-10-1001
21 *et seq.*, §31D-15-1501 *et seq.*, and §31E-14-1401 *et seq.* of this code. The Auditor's sale may
22 include tracts or lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be
23 readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales
24 are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

25 (here insert description of advertised lands to be sold)

26 Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the
27 taxes thereon, the owner of the same whose interest is not subject to separate assessment, or
28 any person having a lien on the same, or on an undivided interest therein, at any time prior to the
29 sale by payment to the Auditor of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges due thereon up
30 to the date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands
31 may not be redeemed.

32 Given under my hand this _____ day of _____,
33 20_____.

34 _____ Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

35 (b) The description of lands required in the notice shall be in the same form as the list
36 certifying said lands for sale. If the Auditor is required to auction lands certified to him or her in
37 any previous years, pursuant to §11A-3-48 of this code, he or she shall include such lands in the
38 auction without further advertisement, with reference to the year of certification and the item
39 number of the tract or interest.

40 (c) To cover the cost of preparing and publishing the notice, a charge of \$30 shall be
41 added to the taxes, interest, and charges due on the delinquent and nonentered property.

§11A-3-47. Redemption prior to sale.

1 Any of the delinquent and nonentered lands certified to the deputy commissioner may be
2 redeemed, prior to the auction, by the owner of such land or any other person entitled to pay the
3 taxes thereon, the owner of such lands whose interest is not subject to separate assessment, or
4 any person having a lien on such land, or on an undivided interest therein, by payment of the
5 taxes, interest, and charges due. The deputy commissioner shall prepare an original and five
6 copies of the receipt, give to the person redeeming the original receipt, retain one copy for his
7 files and forward one copy each to the sheriff, Auditor, assessor, and the clerk of the county
8 commission, each of whom shall note the fact of such redemption on their respective records of

9 delinquent lands. Any person redeeming the interest of another shall be subrogated to the lien of
10 the state on such interest as provided in section nine, article one of this chapter.

§11A-3-48. Unsold lands subject to sale without auction or additional advertising.

1 (a) If any of the lands which have been offered for sale at the public auction provided in
2 §11A-3-45 of this code shall remain unsold following such auction, or were sold at a tax sale
3 auction within the previous five years which were not redeemed and for which no deed was
4 secured by the purchaser, or if the Auditor refuses to approve the sale pursuant to §11A-3-51 of
5 this code, the Auditor may sell the lands without any further public auction or additional advertising
6 of the land, in the following priority: (1) To a person vested with an ownership interest in an
7 adjacent tract or parcel of land: *Provided*, That if more than one adjacent landowner desires to
8 acquire the same tract or lot, then the Auditor shall sell such tract or lot to the highest bidder; (2)
9 to the municipality in which the tract or lot is located; (3) the county commission of the county in
10 which the tract or lot is located; (4) to the West Virginia Land Stewardship Corporation as part of
11 its Land Bank Program set forth in §31-21-11 of this code; or (5) to any party willing to purchase
12 such property.

13 (b) The price of such property shall be as agreed upon by the Auditor and purchaser:
14 *Provided*, That the Auditor may engage a licensed attorney to provide a title examination on lands
15 set forth in the preceding subsection and require that a purchaser reimburse the Auditor for any
16 expenses related to the title examination as a condition for the sale: *Provided, however*, That
17 instead of the Auditor, a purchaser may engage a licensed attorney to provide a title examination
18 at his or her own cost.

19 (c) The Auditor may refuse to sell unsold lands to a potential buyer that is subject to any
20 of the following:

21 (1) Has failed to make a payment owed at a prior previous auction held pursuant to §11A-
22 3-45 of this code;

23 (2) At the time of registration is delinquent in the payment of real property tax, for which
24 registrant is the most recent owner of record, to any county in this state;

25 (3) Has a history of noncompliance with code enforcement violations issued by a county
26 or municipality pursuant to §7-1-3ff and §8-12-16 of this code;

27 (4) At the time of registration is subject to legal proceedings in any county or municipality
28 that are related to code enforcement violations regarding real property owned by them; and

29 (5) Within the preceding five years prior to the purchase, has failed to comply with a valid
30 raze or repair order (or any other similar order) issued by a county or municipality.

§11A-3-48a. Certain parties barred from purchasing unsold lands.

31 (a) Citizens of or entities organized in or controlled by citizens or governments of any
32 country designated as a country of particular concern by the United States Department of State
33 shall be barred from purchasing unsold lands pursuant to §11A-3-48 of this code.

34 (b) For purposes of this section, a "Country of particular concern" means a country that
35 has been designated as such by the Department of State of the United States of America pursuant
36 to Section 408(a) of 22 USC 6448.

**§11A-3-56. Redemption from purchase; receipt; list of redemptions; lien; lien of person
redeeming interest of another; record.**

1 (a) After the sale of any tax lien on any real estate pursuant to §11A-3-45 or §11A-3-48 of
2 this code, the owner of, or any other person who was entitled to pay the taxes on any real estate
3 for which a tax lien thereon was purchased whose interest is not subject to separate assessment,
4 or any person having a lien on such real estate, or on an undivided interest therein, may redeem
5 at any time before a tax deed is issued therefor. In order to redeem, he or she must pay to the
6 Auditor the following amounts:

7 (1) An amount equal to the taxes, interest, and charges due on the date of the sale, with
8 interest thereon at the rate of one percent per month from the date of sale;

9 (2) All other taxes thereon, which have since been paid by the purchaser, or his or her
10 heirs, with interest at the rate of one percent per month from the date of payment;

11 (3) Such additional expenses as may have been incurred in preparing the list of those to
12 be served with notice to redeem, and for any licensed attorney's title examination incident thereto,
13 with interest at the rate of one percent per month from the date of payment, but the amount he or
14 she shall be required to pay, excluding said interest, for such expenses incurred for the
15 preparation of the list of those to be served with notice to redeem required by §11A-3-52 of this
16 code, and for any licensed attorney's title examination incident thereto, shall not exceed \$500. An
17 attorney may only charge a fee for legal services actually performed and must certify that he or
18 she conducted an examination to determine the list of those to be served required by §11A-3-52
19 of this code;

20 (4) All additional statutory costs paid by the purchaser; and

21 (5) The Auditor's fee and commission as provided by §11A-3-66 of this code. Where the
22 Auditor has not received from the purchaser satisfactory proof of the expenses incurred in
23 preparing the notice to redeem, or of any licensed attorney's title examination incident thereto, in
24 the form of receipts or other evidence thereof, the person redeeming shall pay the Auditor the
25 sum of \$500 plus interest thereon at the rate of one percent per month from the date of the sale
26 for disposition pursuant to the provisions of §11A-3-57, §11A-3-58, and §11A-3-64 of this code.
27 Upon payment to the Auditor of those and any other unpaid statutory charges required by this
28 article, and of any unpaid expenses incurred by the sheriff, the Auditor, and the deputy
29 commissioner in the exercise of their duties pursuant to this article, the Auditor shall prepare an
30 original and five copies of the receipt for payment and shall note on said receipts that the property
31 has been redeemed. The original of such receipt shall be given to the person redeeming. The
32 Auditor shall retain a copy of the receipt and forward one copy each to the sheriff, assessor, and
33 the clerk of the county commission. The clerk shall endorse on the receipt the fact and time of
34 such filing and note the fact of redemption on his or her record of delinquent lands.

35 (b) Any person for reasons of financial hardship may petition the Auditor to redeem his or
36 her primary residence in installments. The petition shall certify to the Auditor that the real estate
37 is the primary residence of the redeeming party. The Auditor may approve a financial hardship
38 plan and it shall be signed by him or her and the party making the request. A copy of the document
39 evidencing such acceptance shall be filed with the clerk of the county commission in which the
40 property is located.

41 (c) Any person who, by reason of the fact that no provision is made for partial redemption
42 of the tax lien on real estate purchased at the public auction or at a subsequent sale, is compelled
43 in order to protect himself or herself to redeem the tax lien on all of such real estate when it
44 belongs, in whole or in part, to some other person, shall have a lien on the interest of such other
45 person for the amount paid to redeem such interest. He or she shall lose his or her right to the
46 lien, however, unless within 30 days after payment he or she shall file with the clerk of the county
47 commission his or her claim in writing against the owner of such interest, together with the receipt
48 provided for in this section. The clerk shall docket the claim on the judgment lien docket in his or
49 her office and properly index the same. Such lien may be enforced as other judgment liens are
50 enforced.

The Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Joe Lavin
Clerk of the Senate

Steve Harrison
Clerk of the House of Delegates

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G. P. Beck
President of the Senate

Lee Haskew
Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is *approved* this the *29th*
Day of *March*, 2023.

James Justice
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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