1	H. B. 2229
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3	(By Delegate Doyle)
4	[Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the
5	Committee on the Judiciary.]
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10	A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
11	adding thereto a new section, designated §61-7-16, relating to
12	limiting the purchase of handguns to two guns per month;
13	exempting law enforcement, correctional facilities and private
14	security companies from the limitation; providing criminal
15	penalties; and exempting antique firearms from the limitation.
16	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
17	That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
18	by adding thereto a new section, designated §61-7-16, to read as
19	follows:
20	ARTICLE 7. DANGEROUS WEAPONS.
21	§61-7-16. Limitation on purchase of handguns.

22 <u>(a) A person who is not a licensed firearms dealer, or a</u> 23 <u>member of a law-enforcement agency or a state or local correctional</u>

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1 facility, or a private security company licensed to do business in 2 this state, may not purchase more than two handguns within any 3 thirty-day period. Any person who violates the provisions of this 4 section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, 5 shall be fined up to \$200 or confined in jail up to ten days, or 6 both fined and confined. 7 (b) A licensed firearms dealer may not sell to any person who 8 is not a licensed firearms dealer, or a member of a law-enforcement

9 agency, or a state or local correctional facility, or a private 10 security company licensed to do business in this state, more than 11 two handguns within any thirty-day period. Any person who violates 12 the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon 13 conviction thereof, shall be fined up to \$200 or confined in jail 14 up to ten days, or both fined and confined.

15 (c) The restrictions on the sale of handguns set forth in 16 subsections (a) and (b) of this section do not apply to the sale of 17 antique handguns.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to limit the purchase of handguns to two guns per month. The bill exempts law enforcement, correctional facilities, and private security companies from the limitation while providing criminal penalties. Finally, it exempts antique firearms from the limitation.

§61-7-16 is new; therefore, it has been completely
underscored.

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