H.B. 4018

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[Introduced January 12, 2012; referred to the Committee on Political Subdivisions then the Judiciary.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-2-12, relating to granting licensed real estate appraisers access to commercial or residential review documents.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-2-12, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. ASSESSORS.

§11-2-12. Access to commercial or residential review documents.

- A county assessor shall provide a person, who is a
- 2 <u>licenced real estate appraiser under article thirty-eight,</u>

- 3 chapter thirty of this code, copies of commercial or
- 4 <u>residential review documents on the assessor's computerized</u>
- 5 <u>assessment system, and may charge a fee of no more than \$3</u>
- 6 per form. These forms shall be obtained for the sole purpose
- 7 of determining comparable market value of a property. Also,
- 8 the assessor shall redact from the copies, information
- 9 pertaining to security systems, home safes and other
- 10 <u>information that may jeopardize the security of the property</u>
- or any possessions therein.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit licensed real estate appraisers access to commercial or residential review documents. The bill also permits county assessors to charge no more than \$3 per form.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.

Proposed Judiciary Committee Amendment

The Committee on the Judiciary moves to amend the bill on page one, section twelve, line twenty-four, after the word "than", by striking out "\$3" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$10".