

H. B. 2454

(By Delegates Howell, Faircloth, Ellem, Westfall, Butler, Cadle, Folk, Shott, Ferns, Storch and Canterbury)

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**FISCAL
NOTE**

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §4-1-24, relating to making it a crime to interfere with a member of the Legislature while engaged in the performance of his or her official duties; and providing for misdemeanor penalties.

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 §4-1-24, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES; APPROPRIATIONS; INVESTIGATIONS; DISPLAY OF FLAGS; RECORDS; USE OF CAPITOL BUILDING; PREFILING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS; STANDING COMMITTEES; INTERIM MEETINGS; NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE; INTERFERENCE OF MEMBERS; CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

§4-1-24. Interference of members; criminal penalties.

1 (a) No person may impede, intimidate or interfere with a
2 member of the Legislature who is engaged in the performance of his
3 or her official duties or on account of such performance.

4 (b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this section is
5 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be
6 finned not more than \$500 or confined in jail for not more than
7 thirty days, or both fined and confined.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to make it a crime to interfere with a member of the Legislature while engaged in the performance of his or her official duties. The bill also provides for misdemeanor penalties.

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