1 H. B. 3132 2 3 (By Delegate Manypenny) [Introduced March 25, 2013; referred to the 4 5 Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.] 6 7 8 9 10 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by 11 adding thereto a new section, designated §61-8B-6, relating to 12 creating the offense of sexual battery; and providing a 13 criminal penalty. 14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia: 15 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended 16 by adding thereto a new section, designated §61-8B-6, to read as 17 follows: 18 ARTICLE 8B. SEXUAL OFFENSES. 19 **§61-8B-6**. **Sexual battery**. 20 (a) Any person who, without consent, subjects another person 21 to any sexual contact, as defined in section one of this article, 22 is guilty of sexual battery. (b) Sexual battery is a misdemeanor punishable by confinement 23

- 1 in jail for not more than one year, or a fine of not more than
- 2 \$1,000, or both fined and confined.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create the offense of sexual battery. The bill provides a criminal penalty.

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