1	H. B. 4371	
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3	(By Delegates Caputo, Longstreth and Manchin)	
4	[Introduced January 29, 2014; referred to the	
5	Committee on the Judiciary.]	
6		FISCAL
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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 §61-3-13a, relating	
12	to making the theft of a traffic sign or traffic signal a	
13	felony; finding that the theft is a reckless endangerment to	
14	the safety of persons and the public; and establishing	
15	criminal penalties.	
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 $$61-3-13a$, to read as	
19	follows:	
20	ARTICLE 3. CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY.	
21	§61-3-13a. Larceny of traffic signs; reckless endangerment;	-
22	<pre>penalties.</pre>	
23	If a person commits simple larceny of a traffic sign or a	

traffic signal, regardless of value, on any street or highway, or
upon any residential street, or in any parking area, or upon the
ways of any institution of higher education, whether public or
private, or upon the ways of any state institution, or upon the
property of any county boards of education, or upon any property
within the State Park and Public Recreation System established by
the Director of the Division of Natural Resources pursuant to
article five, chapter twenty of this code, that person is quilty of
a felony, designated larceny that recklessly endangers the safety
of persons and the public, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be
imprisoned in a state correctional facility not less than one nor
more than ten years, or, in the discretion of the court, be
confined in jail not more than one year and shall be fined not more

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to make the theft of a traffic sign or traffic signal a felony. The bill finds that the theft is a reckless endangerment to the safety of persons and the public. The bill establishes criminal penalties.

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