1	H. B. 4402
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3 4 5 6	(By Delegates Manchin, Skinner, Sponaugle, Longstreth, Marcum, Lynch, Wells, Caputo, Marshall and Barrett)
7	[Introduced February 4, 2014; referred to the
8	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 $60-6-26$, relating to
12	the conditional discharge for first offense underage purchase,
13	consumption, sale, service or possession of alcoholic liquor.
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 §60-6-26, to read as
17	follows:
18	ARTICLE 6. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.
19	§60-6-26. Conditional discharge for first offense underage
20	purchase, consumption, sale, service or possession
21	of alcoholic liquor.
22	(a) When a person pleads guilty to or is found guilty of a
23	violation of subdivision (1), subsection (a), section twenty-four,
24	article three-a of this chapter or subsection (a), section twelve-
25	a, article seven of this chapter, the court, without entering a

1 judgment of guilt and with the consent of the accused, may defer 2 further proceedings and place him or her on probation upon terms 3 and conditions it considers appropriate, if the person has not 4 previously been convicted of:

5 (1) Either of those offenses; or

6 <u>(2) Any statute of the United States or of any state relating</u> 7 to underage purchase, consumption, sale, service or possession of 8 <u>alcoholic liquor.</u>

9 (b) If the person violates a term or condition of the 10 probation, the court may enter an adjudication of quilt and proceed 11 as otherwise provided by law. Upon fulfillment of the terms and 12 conditions of the probation, the court shall discharge the person 13 and dismiss the proceedings against him or her. Discharge and 14 dismissal under this section is without adjudication of quilt and 15 is not a conviction for purposes of this section or for purposes of 16 disgualifications or disabilities imposed by law upon conviction of 17 a crime. The effect of the dismissal and discharge is to restore 18 the person in contemplation of law to the status he or she occupied 19 prior to arrest and trial. A person to whom a dismissal and 20 discharge have been effected under this section may not be found 21 guilty of perjury, false swearing or otherwise giving a false 22 statement by reason of his or her failure to disclose or 23 acknowledge his or her arrest or trial in response to any inquiry 24 made of him or her for any purpose.

(c) There may be only one discharge and dismissal under this
 2 section with respect to any person.

3 (d) After a period of not less than six months after the 4 expiration of a term of probation imposed upon a person under 5 subdivision (1), subsection (a), section twenty-four, article 6 three-a of this chapter or subsection (a), section twelve-a, 7 article seven of this chapter, the person may apply to the court 8 for an order to expunge from all official records all records of 9 his or her arrest, trial and conviction, pursuant to this section. 10 If the court determines after a hearing that the person during the 11 period of his or her probation and during the period prior to his 12 or her application to the court under this section has not been 13 guilty of any serious or repeated violation of the conditions of 14 his or her probation, it shall order the expungement.

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, any person prosecuted pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (1), subsection (a), section twenty-four, article three-a of this chapter or subsection (a), section twelve-a, article seven of this chapter, whose case is disposed of pursuant to the provisions of this section, is liable for all court costs assessable against a person convicted of a violation of those sections. Payment of the costs may be made a condition of probation.

24 (f) The costs assessed pursuant to this section, whether as a

1 term of probation or not, shall be distributed as other court costs
2 in accordance with section two, article three, chapter fifty;
3 section four, article two-a, chapter fourteen;, section four,
4 article twenty-nine, chapter thirty; and sections two, seven and
5 ten, article five, chapter sixty-two, all of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide a procedure for the conditional discharge for first offense underage purchase, consumption, sale, service or possession of alcoholic liquor.

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