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Senate Bill 31

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Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §4-5-7, relating to prohibiting impersonation of a member, staff or person
 3 under direction of the Commission on Special Investigations; creating misdemeanor
 4 offense; and establishing penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
 2 section, designated §4-5-7, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. COMMISSION ON SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS.

**§4-5-7. Impersonating special investigations member, staff or related person prohibited;
 misdemeanor penalties.**

1 Any person who falsely represents himself or herself to be a member of the Commission
 2 on Special Investigations, or a member of the investigative staff employed by the commission, or
 3 to be under the order or direction of any member or investigator of the Commission on Special
 4 Investigations, or who presents a badge, official credentials or other insignia either actually or
 5 purported to be adopted or used by the commission is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon
 6 conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000, or confined in jail for
 7 not more than six months, or both fined and confined.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a misdemeanor offense for impersonating a representative of the Commission on Special Investigations.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.