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Introduced

Senate Bill 436

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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 §5-3-6, relating to Attorney General's investigators; and allowing them to carry
 3 firearms under certain circumstances.

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 §5-3-6, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3. ATTORNEY GENERAL.

§5-3-6. Attorney General's investigators authority to carry concealed weapon.

1 Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, the Attorney General may
 2 designate investigators in his or her office to carry a firearm at any time in the course of performing
 3 their official duties: *Provided*, That any such designated investigator must complete a training
 4 program for the safe and lawful use and handling of firearms, maintain yearly firearms
 5 qualifications equivalent to the requirements for active members of a law-enforcement agency
 6 and be bonded through the Office of the Attorney General.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow investigators from the Attorney General's office to carry firearms in the course of their official duties under certain circumstances.

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