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to the Committee on Prevention and Treatment of
Substance Abuse then the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §60A-4-415, relating to making it a felony to knowingly house drug traffickers;
 3 defining elements of the offense and establishing criminal penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 4. OFFENSES AND PENALTIES.

§60A-4-415. Prohibited acts -- Knowingly providing housing to drug traffickers; penalties.

1 (a) It is unlawful for any person to provide lodging, housing or overnight accommodation
 2 to another person, regardless of payment or promise of payment therefore, with the knowledge
 3 that the other person is engaged or intends to engage in the manufacture, distribution or delivery
 4 of any controlled substance in violation of this chapter.

5 (b) Any person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof,
 6 shall be imprisoned in a state correctional facility for not less than one year nor more than five
 7 years, or fined not more than \$20,000, or both imprisoned and fined.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to make it a felony to knowingly house a drug trafficker and to establish penalties for the offense.

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