

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 2196

BY DELEGATE BYRD

[Introduced January 9, 2019; 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 §61-2-10c, relating to creating a felony penalty of life without mercy for the first
3 degree murder of a law-enforcement officer.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON.

§61-2-10c First degree murder of a law-enforcement officer; penalties.

1 Any person who is convicted of murder in the first degree of a law-enforcement officer
2 acting in his or her official capacity shall be confined in a state correctional facility for life, without
3 mercy: *Provided*, That this section does not apply if the person convicted of first degree murder
4 was convicted as a principal in the second degree or as an accessory before or after the fact
5 pursuant to §61-11-6 of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a penalty for the offense of killing a law-enforcement officer. The penalty is life without mercy.

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