

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2020 REGULAR SESSION

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Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 2602

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[Passed February 13, 2020; in effect ninety days from
passage.]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §61-3-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to criminalizing possession of property when a person knows or has reason to know it is
3 stolen; making possession of stolen property larceny; and clarifying that possession of
4 stolen property while acting in cooperation with law enforcement or at law enforcement's
5 request is not a crime.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 3. CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY.

§61-3-18. Receiving or transferring stolen goods.

1 If any person buys or receives from another person, or aids in concealing, or transfers to
2 a person other than the owner thereof, or possesses any stolen goods or other thing of value,
3 which he or she knows or has reason to believe has been stolen, that person is guilty of the
4 larceny thereof, and may be prosecuted although the principal offender has not been convicted:
5 *Provided*, That possession of stolen goods while acting at the request of law enforcement or in
6 cooperation with law enforcement does not constitute a violation of this section.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman, House Committee

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Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Governor