

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2021 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

## **Senate Bill 53**

BY SENATORS SYPOLT AND ROBERTS

[Introduced February 10, 2021; 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 §41-3-12, relating to providing that any next of kin who is criminally responsible  
3 for the death of a relative may not be involved in the decedent's burial arrangements.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 3. PROVISIONS AS TO CONSTRUCTION.**

**§41-3-12. Burial arrangements prohibition.**

1 Any next of kin who is criminally responsible for the death of a relative is prohibited from  
2 being involved in the decedent's burial arrangements.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit any next of kin who is criminally responsible for the death of a relative from being involved in the decedent's burial arrangements.

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