## WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

#### **2022 REGULAR SESSION**

Introduced

### Senate Bill 121

BY SENATORS SYPOLT, LINDSAY, JEFFRIES, AND

STOLLINGS

[Introduced January 12, 2022]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
designated §30-6-22b, relating to barring a person who has been charged with willfully
and intentionally causing the death of another by a criminal complaint, indictment, or a
child abuse petition from participating in or planning the funeral or burial of the deceased.
*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

#### ARTICLE 6. BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE EXAMINERS.

# §30-6-22b. Barring certain persons from participating in or planning the funeral or burial of another.

- 1 <u>A person who has been criminally charged by complaint or indictment, or by a child abuse</u>
- 2 petition, alleging aggravated circumstances under Chapter 49 of this code, with willfully or
- 3 intentionally causing the death of another person may not participate in or plan the funeral or
- 4 <u>burial of the deceased. The prohibition created by this section may be waived, in whole or in part,</u>
- 5 by order of the circuit court of the county in which the criminal charge or petition is pending for
- 6 good cause shown.