

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2024 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4396**

By Delegate Tully

[Introduced January 10, 2024 ; 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 §61-3-17, relating to criminalizing the unlawful operation of a bulldozer or  
 3 heavy equipment.

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

**ARTICLE            3.            CRIMES            AGAINST            PROPERTY.**

**§61-3-17.    Unlawful    operation    of    a    bulldozer    or    heavy    equipment.**

1            A person who unlawfully operates any bulldozer or heavy machinery of another with the  
 2 intention of depriving the other person of the bulldozer or heavy machinery, regardless of the  
 3 manner in which the bulldozer or heavy machinery is taken or appropriated, shall be guilty of a  
 4 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail not more than one year or  
 5 fined not more than \$2,500, or both.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to criminalize the unlawful operation of a bulldozer or heavy machinery.

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