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House Bill 5161

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §31D-1-132, relating to creating a digital wallet to collect and organize certifications and licensures on the Secretary of State's one-stop business portal; defining responsibilities for maintenance; and defining what types of information can be stored in the digital wallet.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

Article 1. General Provisions.

Part III. Secretary of State.

§31D-1-132. Digital Wallet.

(a) The Secretary of State, through administration of the one-stop business portal, shall create the online infrastructure for a digital wallet in which an individual's certifications and licensures may be stored.

(b) While the online infrastructure shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of State to create and maintain, it shall be the responsibility of the individual whose certifications and licensures are stored there to organize the credentials and to ensure their accuracy. When used correctly, the digital wallet will serve as a repository of all licensures and certifications in one spot for easy reference.

(c) In addition to certifications and licensures, all state and federal identification documents may be stored in the digital wallet.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a digital wallet for certifications and licensures.

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