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Introduced

House Bill 5364

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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 §61-11-27, relating to the definition of law-enforcement officers; and clarifying
 3 that term includes chief executives, law-enforcement officials, and pre-certified law-
 4 enforcement officers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 11. GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING CRIMES.

§61-11-27. Definition of law-enforcement officer.

1 For purposes of §61-2-10b, §61-5-17, and §61-5-17a of this code, "law-enforcement
 2 officer" has the same definition as this term is defined in §30-29-1 of this code and shall
 3 additionally include individuals defined as "chief executive", "law-enforcement official", and "pre-
 4 certified law-enforcement officer" in §30-29-1 of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to clarify the victims of crimes against law-enforcement officers.

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