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House Bill No. 4388

(By Delegates Webster, Mahan, Hrutkay, Guthrie, Fleischauer, Lane, Shook, Burdiss, Azinger, Brown and Ellem)

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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section designated §51-1-21, relating to authorizing the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals to maintain a domestic violence database.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted by adding thereto a new section designated §51-1-21, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. WEST VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS.

§ 51-1-21. Authority to maintain domestic violence database.

- 1 (a) The West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals is
- 2 hereby authorized to maintain a domestic violence database
- 3 containing certified copies of protective orders entered by the

- 4 courts of this state and granted pursuant to the provisions of
- 5 article twenty-seven, chapter forty-eight of this code.
- 6 Further, the domestic violence database shall also include,
- 7 whenever possible, protective orders issued by other
- 8 jurisdictions pursuant to its law.
- 9 (b) A petitioner who obtains a protective order pursuant
- 10 to article twenty-seven, chapter forty-eight of this code, or a
- 11 protective order from another jurisdiction pursuant to its law,
- 12 may register that order with the West Virginia Supreme
- 13 Court of Appeals.
- (c) Nothing in this section precludes the enforcement of
- an order in a county other than the county or jurisdiction in
- 16 which the order was issued if the petitioner has not registered
- 17 the order with the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committée Chairman House Committee Originating in the House. In effect ninety days from passage. Clerk of the Senate Clerk of the House of Delegates President of the Senate Speaker of the House of Delegates day of _ 2008.

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