1 Senate Bill No. 409 2 (By Senators K. Facemyer, Kessler (Mr. President) and Beach) 3 [Introduced January 24, 2012; referred to the Committee on the 4 5 Judiciary.] 6 7 8 9 10 A BILL to amend and reenact §60-3A-24 of the Code of West Virginia, 11 1931, as amended, relating to substituting community service 12 for confinement in jail for a person under the age of twenty-13 one who purchases, consumes, sells, serves or possesses 14 alcoholic liquor or who misrepresents his or her age to purchase alcoholic liquor. 15 16 Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia: 17 That §60-3A-24 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, 18 be amended and reenacted to read as follows: 19 ARTICLE 3A. SALES BY RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSEES. 20 §60-3A-24. Unlawful acts by persons. 21 (a) (1) Any person who is under the age of twenty-one years 22 who purchases, consumes, sells, serves or possesses alcoholic 23 liquor is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof,

24 shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$500 or shall be confined in

- 1 jail, or, in the case of a juvenile, a detention center, for a
- 2 period not to exceed seventy-two hours or both fined and imprisoned
- 3 or, in lieu of such fine and incarceration, and shall complete
- 4 community service for a period not to exceed seventy-two hours. A
- 5 person may, for the first offense, be placed on probation for a
- 6 period not to exceed one year.
- 7 (2) Nothing in this article, nor any rule or regulation of the
- 8 commissioner, shall prevent or be deemed to prohibit any prevents
- 9 or prohibits a person who is at least eighteen years of age from
- 10 serving in the lawful employment of a licensee which includes the
- 11 sale and serving of alcoholic liquor.
- 12 (3) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit prohibits a
- 13 person who is at least eighteen years of age from purchasing or
- 14 possessing alcoholic liquor when he or she is acting upon the
- 15 request of or under the direction and control of any member of a
- 16 state, federal or local law-enforcement agency or the West Virginia
- 17 Alcohol Beverage Control Administration while the agency is
- 18 conducting an investigation or other activity relating to the
- 19 enforcement of the alcohol beverage control statutes and the rules
- 20 and regulations of the commissioner.
- 21 (b) Any person under the age of twenty-one years who, for the
- 22 purpose of purchasing liquor from a retail licensee, misrepresents
- 23 his or her age or who for such purpose presents or offers any
- 24 written evidence of age which is false, fraudulent or not actually

- 1 his or her own or who illegally attempts to purchase liquor from a
 2 retail licensee is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction
 3 thereof, shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$100 or confined in
 4 jail, or, in the case of a juvenile, a detention facility, for a
 5 period not to exceed seventy two hours, or both fined and confined
 6 or, in lieu of such fine and imprisonment, and shall complete
 7 community service for a period of time not to exceed seventy-two
 8 hours. A person may, for the first offense, be placed on probation
 9 for a period not exceeding one year. Any person convicted under
 10 this section may be sentenced pursuant to the provisions of section
 11 one-a, article eleven-a, chapter sixty-two of this code.
- (c) Any person who knowingly buys for, gives to or furnishes to anyone under the age of twenty-one to whom he or she is not related by blood or marriage any liquor from whatever source is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$250 or confined in jail for a period not to exceed ten days, or both fined and confined.
- (d) No person while on the premises of a retail outlet may 19 consume liquor or break the seal on any package or bottle of 20 liquor. Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection 21 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be 22 fined an amount not to exceed \$100 or confined in jail for a period 23 not to exceed ten days, or both fined and confined.

(NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to substitute community service for confinement in jail for persons who are under the age of twenty-one and who purchases, consumes, sells, serves or possesses alcoholic liquor or who misrepresents his or her age to purchase alcoholic liquor.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.)