

**H. B. 2498**

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(By Delegates Marcum, Miley, Craig, Moore, White, Perry,  
Skaff, Nelson, E., Ferro, Ferns and Eldridge)  
[Introduced February 15, 2013; referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.]

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
adding thereto a new section, designated §52-2-15, relating to  
making it a crime for a person sitting on a grand jury to  
disclose the identity of an individual who will be indicted;  
and setting forth the penalties.

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

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended  
by adding thereto a new section, designated §52-2-15, to read as  
follows:

**ARTICLE 2. GRAND JURIES.**

**§52-2-15. Penalties for disclosure of an indictment.**

In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any juror on  
a grand jury who directly or indirectly informs a person that he or  
she will be named in an indictment is guilty of a misdemeanor and,

1 upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or confined in  
2 jail not more than thirty days, or both fined and confined.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to make it a crime for a person sitting on a grand jury to disclose the identity of an individual who will be indicted. The bill also sets forth the penalties.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.