

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 182

By Senators Stuart and Karnes

[Introduced January 10, 2024; referred
to the 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 §5-3-7, relating to permitting the Attorney General to prosecute certain
 3 offenses in limited circumstances.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 3. ATTORNEY GENERAL.

§5-3-7. Prosecution power of Attorney General in limited circumstances.

1 (a) In limited circumstances, the Office of the Attorney General shall have original
 2 jurisdiction to prosecute certain state agency crime.

3 (b) Specifically, the Office of the Attorney General is permitted to prosecute the following
 4 offenses:

5 (1) Workforce fraud;

6 (2) Securities fraud;

7 (3) Crime involving statewide elected officials; and

8 (4) Ethics corruption.

9 (c) The Office of the Attorney General is permitted to pursue multicounty prosecutions
 10 when utilizing the limited prosecution power set forth in this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit the Office of the Attorney General to hold limited prosecution power.

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