# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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### Introduced

## House Bill 3168

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Committee on Energy and Public Works]

Intr HB 2025R3103

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, to add a new article designated §46A-6O-1, relating to creating The Rossi Act; requiring that entities providing goods, services, or utilities allow changes to be made to an electronic account by telephone or mail; and providing for enforcement.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

#### ARTICLE 60. THE ROSSI ACT.

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#### §46A-6O-1. The Rossi act; mandate; enforcement.

- (a) This act shall be cited as "The Rossi Act".
- 2 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of code to the contrary, including any provision of §39A-
- 3 1-1 et seg. of this code, an entity, business, corporation, company, or organization that provides
- 4 goods, services, or utilities to an individual in West Virginia shall allow changes to be made to an
- 5 electronic or online account for said goods, services, or utilities by telephone or by mail with
- 6 <u>necessary identity verification measures.</u>
- 7 (c) Failure of an entity, business, corporation, company or organization to comply with
- 8 subsection (b) constitutes a violation of the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act of
- 9 §46A-6-1 et seq. of this code and is subject to enforcement by the Attorney General.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create The Rossi Act; requiring that entities providing goods, services, or utilities allow changes to be made to an electronic account by telephone or mail; and providing for enforcement.

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

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