

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 194**

By Senator Deeds

[Introduced February 12, 2025; referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §61-2-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to  
2 criminal penalties for murder in the second degree; and parole eligibility for the crime of  
3 murder in the second degree.

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

## ARTICLE 2. CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

**§61-2-3. Penalty for murder of second degree.**

1 Murder of the second degree shall be punished by a definite term of imprisonment in the  
2 penitentiary which is not less than ~~ten~~ fifteen nor more than ~~forty~~ sixty years. A person imprisoned  
3 pursuant to the provisions of this section is not eligible for parole prior to having served a minimum  
4 of ~~ten~~ fifteen years of his or her sentence or the minimum period required by the provisions of §62-  
5 12-13, \_\_\_\_\_ whichever \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ greater.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to modify the sentence and parole eligibility for murder in the second degree.

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