

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**ENGROSSED**

## **House Bill 4452**

By Delegates Hillenbrand, Chiarelli, Coop-Gonzalez,  
and Martin

[Introduced January 16, 2026; referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary]



- 1 A BILL to amend and reenact §35-1-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to  
2 removing "Mortmain" restrictions on religious organizations.

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

**ARTICLE 1. RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.**

**§35-1-8. QUANTITY OF REAL ESTATE TRUSTEE MAY TAKE AND HOLD.**

- 1 [Repealed]