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3	(By Delegates Doyle and Mahan)
4	[Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the
5	Committee on the Judiciary.]
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10	A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
11	adding thereto a new section, designated §57-3-10, relating to
12	prohibiting members of the news media from being compelled to
13	give testimony in any civil, criminal or grand jury
14	proceedings; and providing exceptions.
15	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
16	That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
17	by adding thereto a new section, designated §57-3-10, to read as
18	follows:
19	ARTICLE 3. COMPETENCY OF WITNESSES.
20	§57-3-10. News media personnel sources for communication to the
21	<pre>public not subject to being compelled as testimony;</pre>
22	exception.
23	Persons connected with, employed by a news communication media

- 1 or engaged in any news media communication to the public may not be
- 2 compelled to testify in any civil, criminal or grand jury
- 3 proceedings in any court in this state concerning:
- 4 (1) The source of any published or unpublished information
- 5 obtained by the person in the course of gathering, receiving or
- 6 processing information for any news media communication to the
- 7 public; or
- 8 (2) Any unpublished information obtained or prepared by the
- 9 person in the course of gathering, receiving or processing
- 10 information for any news media communication to the public, without
- 11 the consent of the person or persons providing the information
- 12 relied upon for any news media communication to the public.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit members of the news media from being compelled to give testimony in any court in the state relating to the source of information in the public communication, without the consent of the person or persons providing the information relied upon for the public communication.

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