

1 **ENROLLED**

2 **COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**

3 **FOR**

4 **H. B. 2128**

5
6 (By Delegates Howell, Hamrick, Householder, Statler, Moffatt,
7 Walters, Arvon, Blair, Kessinger, Border and Frich)

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9 [Passed March 12, 2015; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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11 AN ACT to amend and reenact §61-6-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
12 to permitting those individuals who hold a valid current concealed weapons permit to keep
13 firearms in their motor vehicles on the State Capitol Complex grounds if the vehicle is
14 locked and the weapon is out of normal view.

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

16 That §61-6-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted
17 to read as follows:

18 **ARTICLE 6. CRIMES AGAINST THE PEACE.**

19 **§61-6-19. Willful disruption of governmental processes; offenses occurring at State Capitol**
20 **Complex; penalties.**

21 (a) If any person willfully interrupts or molests the orderly and peaceful process of any
22 department, division, agency or branch of state government or of its political subdivisions, he or she
23 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$100, or
24 confined in jail not more than six months, or both fined and confined: *Provided*, That any assembly

1 in a peaceable, lawful and orderly manner for a redress of grievances shall not be a violation of this
2 section.

3 (b) It is unlawful for any person to bring upon the State Capitol Complex any weapon as
4 defined in section two, article seven of this chapter: *Provided*, That a person who holds a valid,
5 current concealed weapons permit issued by a sheriff of this state or the appropriate authority of
6 another jurisdiction may keep a firearm in his or her motor vehicle upon the State Capitol Complex
7 if the vehicle is locked and the weapon is out of normal view. It is unlawful for any person to
8 willfully deface any trees, wall, floor, stairs, ceiling, column, statue, monument, structure, surface,
9 artwork or adornment in the State Capitol Complex. It is unlawful for any person or persons to
10 willfully block or otherwise willfully obstruct any public access, stair or elevator in the State Capitol
11 Complex after being asked by a law-enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity to
12 desist: *Provided*, That, in order to preserve the constitutional right of the people to assemble, it is
13 not willful blocking or willful obstruction for persons gathered in a group or crowd if the persons
14 move to the side or part to allow other persons to pass by the group or crowd to gain ingress or
15 egress: *Provided, however*, That this subsection does not apply to a law-enforcement officer acting
16 in his or her official capacity.

17 Any person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction
18 thereof, shall be fined not less than \$100 or confined in jail not more than six months, or both.