

Senate Bill No. 139

(By Senators Palumbo, Kessler and Beach)

[Introduced January 14, 2015; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

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9 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
10 designated §4-5-7, relating to prohibiting impersonation of a member, staff or person under
11 direction of the Commission on Special Investigations; creating misdemeanor offense; and
12 establishing penalties.

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

14 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
15 section, designated §4-5-7, to read as follows:

16 **ARTICLE 5. COMMISSION ON SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS.**

17 **§4-5-7. Impersonating special investigations member, staff or related person prohibited;**
18 **misdemeanor penalties.**

19 Any person who falsely represents himself or herself to be a member of the Commission
20 on Special Investigations, or a member of the investigative staff employed by the commission, or to
21 be under the order or direction of any member or investigator of the Commission on Special
22 Investigations, or who presents a badge, official credentials or other insignia either actually or

- 1 purported to be adopted or used by the Commission is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction
- 2 thereof, shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000, or confined in jail for not more than
- 3 six months, or both fined and confined.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a misdemeanor offense for impersonating a representative of the Commission on Special Investigations.

§4-5-7 is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.