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A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-5-2 of the Code of West Virginia,

1931, as amended, relating to creating "Andrea and Willy's Law"; and increasing certain penalties for driving under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §17C-5-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE 5. SERIOUS TRAFFIC OFFENSES

## §17C-5-2. Driving under influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs; penalties.

- 1 (a) Any person who:
- 2 (1) Drives a vehicle in this state while he or she:
- 3 (A) Is under the influence of alcohol;
- 4 (B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;
- 5 (C) Is under the influence of any other drug;
- 6 (D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any
- 7 controlled substance or any other drug; or
- 8 (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of eight
- 9 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight; and
- 10 (2) While driving does any act forbidden by law or fails to
- 11 perform any duty imposed by law in the driving of the vehicle,
- 12 which act or failure proximately causes the death of any person
- 13 within one year next following the act or failure; and
- 14 (3) Commits the act or failure in reckless disregard of the
- 15 safety of others and when the influence of alcohol, controlled
- 16 substances or drugs is shown to be a contributing cause to the
- 17 death, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be

imprisoned in a state correctional facility for not less than two 18 years nor more than ten years and shall be fined not less than 19 \$1,000 nor more than \$3,000. 20 (b) Any person who: 21 (1) Drives a vehicle in this state while he or she: 22 (A) Is under the influence of alcohol; 23 24 (B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance; 25 (C) Is under the influence of any other drug; 26 (D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any 27 controlled substance or any other drug; 28 (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of eight 29 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight; and (2) While driving does any act forbidden by law or fails to 30 perform any duty imposed by law in the driving of the vehicle, 31 which act or failure proximately causes the death of any person 32 within one year next following the act or failure, is guilty of a 33 34 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail for not less than ninety days nor more than one year and shall 35 be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000. 36 37 (c) Any person who:

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38	(1) Drives a vehicle in this state while he or she:		
39	(A) Is under the influence of alcohol;		
40	(B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;		
41	(C) Is under the influence of any other drug;		
42	(D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any		
43	controlled substance or any other drug; or		
44	(E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of eight		
45	hundredths of one percent or more, by weight; and		
46	(2) While driving does any act forbidden by law or fails to		
47	perform any duty imposed by law in the driving of the vehicle,		
48	which act or failure proximately causes bodily injury to any		
49	person other than himself or herself, is guilty of a misdemeanor		
50	and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail for not less		
51	than one day nor more than one year, which jail term is to		
52	include actual confinement of not less than twenty-four hours,		
53	and shall be fined not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000.		
54	(d) Any person who:		
55	(1) Drives a vehicle in this state while he or she:		
56	(A) Is under the influence of alcohol;		
57	(B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;		

58 (C) Is under the influence of any other drug;

(D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any 59 controlled substance or any other drug; or 60

61 (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but less than 62 fifteen hundredths of one percent, by weight; 63

64 (2) Is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, except as provided in section two-b of this article, shall be 65 confined in jail for up to six months and shall be fined not less 66 than \$100 nor more than \$500. A person sentenced pursuant to 67 this subdivision shall receive credit for any period of actual 68 confinement he or she served upon arrest for the subject offense. 69 70 (e) Any person who drives a vehicle in this state while he or she has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of fifteen 71 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, is guilty of a 72 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in 73 74 jail for not less than two days nor more than six months, which jail term is to include actual confinement of not less than 75 twenty-four hours, and shall be fined not less than \$200 nor more 76 than \$1,000. A person sentenced pursuant to this subdivision 77

shall receive credit for any period of actual confinement he or
she served upon arrest for the subject offense.

80 (f) Any person who, being an habitual user of narcotic drugs or amphetamine or any derivative thereof, drives a vehicle in this 81 state is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, 82 shall be confined in jail for not less than one day nor more than 83 84 six months, which jail term is to include actual confinement of 85 not less than twenty-four hours, and shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500. A person sentenced pursuant to this 86 subdivision shall receive credit for any period of actual 87 88 confinement he or she served upon arrest for the subject offense.

- 89 (g) Any person who:
- 90 (1) Knowingly permits his or her vehicle to be driven in this
- 91 state by any other person who:
- 92 (A) Is under the influence of alcohol;
- 93 (B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;
- 94 (C) Is under the influence of any other drug;
- 95 (D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any
- 96 controlled substance or any other drug;

97 (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of eight
98 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight;

99 (2) Is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof,

100 shall be confined in jail for not more than six months and shall

101 be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

(h) Any person who knowingly permits his or her vehicle to
be driven in this state by any other person who is an habitual
user of narcotic drugs or amphetamine or any derivative thereof
is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be
confined in jail for not more than six months and shall be fined
not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

108 (i) Any person under the age of twenty-one years who drives a vehicle in this state while he or she has an alcohol 109 110 concentration in his or her blood of two hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but less than eight hundredths of one 111 percent, by weight, for a first offense under this subsection is 112 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be 113 114 fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$100. For a second or subsequent offense under this subsection, the person is guilty of 115 a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined 116

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in jail for twenty-four hours and shall be fined not less than \$100 117 nor more than \$500. A person who is charged with a first offense 118 under the provisions of this subsection may move for a 119 continuance of the proceedings, from time to time, to allow the 120 person to participate in the Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and 121 Lock Program as provided in section three-a, article five-a of this 122 chapter. Upon successful completion of the program, the court 123 124 shall dismiss the charge against the person and expunge the 125 person's record as it relates to the alleged offense. In the event 126 the person fails to successfully complete the program, the court shall proceed to an adjudication of the alleged offense. A motion 127 128 for a continuance under this subsection may not be construed as 129 an admission or be used as evidence. A person arrested and charged with an offense under the provisions of this subsection 130 or subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) or (h) of this section 131 may not also be charged with an offense under this subsection 132 arising out of the same transaction or occurrence. 133

134 (j) Any person who:

135 (1) Drives a vehicle in this state while he or she:

136 (A) Is under the influence of alcohol;

137 (B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;

- 138 (C) Is under the influence of any other drug;
- 139 (D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any
- 140 controlled substance or any other drug; or

141 (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of eight

142 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight; and

143 (2) The person while driving has on or within the motor vehicle one or more other persons who are unemancipated 144 minors who have not reached their sixteenth birthday is guilty of 145 146 a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail for not less than two days nor more than twelve months, 147 148 which jail term is to include actual confinement of not less than 149 forty-eight hours and shall be fined not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000. 150

(k) A person violating any provision of subsection (b), (c),
(d), (e), (f), (g) or (i) of this section, for the second offense under
this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction
thereof, shall be confined in jail for not less than six months nor
more than one year and the court may, in its discretion, impose
a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$3,000.

<ul> <li>158 (d), (e), (f), (g) or (i) of this section, for the third of</li> <li>159 subsequent offense under this section, is guilty of a felon</li> </ul>	<del>or any</del>
	<del>y and,</del>
160 upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in a	state
161 correctional facility for not less than one nor more than	three
162 years and the court may, in its discretion, impose a fine	<del>of not</del>
163 less than \$3,000 nor more than \$5,000.	
164 (m) For purposes of subsections (k) and (l) of this s	ection
165 relating to second, third and subsequent offenses, the foll	owing
166 events shall be regarded as offenses under this section:	
167 (1) Any conviction under the provisions of subsection	<del>on (a),</del>
168 (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) or (g) of this section or under a	prior
169 enactment of this section for an offense which occurred	within
170 the ten-year period immediately preceding the date of ar	<del>rest in</del>
171 the current proceeding;	
172 (2) Any conviction under a municipal ordinance of thi	<del>s state</del>
173 or any other state or a statute of the United States or of any	other
174 state of an offense which has the same elements as an o	ffense
175 described in subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) or (h)	<del>of this</del>

176 section, which offense occurred within the ten-year period

177 immediately preceding the date of arrest in the current
178 proceeding; and,

(3) Any period of conditional probation imposed pursuant
section two-b of this article for violation of subsection (d) of this
article, which violation occurred within the ten-year period
immediately preceding the date of arrest in the current
proceeding.

184 (n) A person may be charged in a warrant or indictment or 185 information for a second or subsequent offense under this section 186 if the person has been previously arrested for or charged with a violation of this section which is alleged to have occurred within 187 188 the applicable time period for prior offenses, notwithstanding the fact that there has not been a final adjudication of the charges for 189 the alleged previous offense. In that case, the warrant or 190 indictment or information must set forth the date, location and 191 particulars of the previous offense or offenses. No person may 192 be convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this section 193 unless the conviction for the previous offense has become final, 194 or the person has previously had a period of conditional 195 probation imposed pursuant to section two-b of this article. 196

(o) The fact that any person charged with a violation of
subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) of this section, or any
person permitted to drive as described under subsection (g) or
(h) of this section, is or has been legally entitled to use alcohol,
a controlled substance or a drug does not constitute a defense
against any charge of violating subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e),
(f), (g) or (h) of this section.

(p) For purposes of this section, the term "controlled
 substance" has the meaning ascribed to it in chapter sixty-a of
 this code.

207 (q) The sentences provided in this section upon conviction for a violation of this article are mandatory and are not subject 208 to suspension or probation: *Provided*, That the court may apply 209 210 the provisions of article eleven-a, chapter sixty-two of this code 211 to a person sentenced or committed to a term of one year or less 212 for a first offense under this section: Provided further. That the 213 court may impose a term of conditional probation pursuant to 214 section two-b of this article to persons adjudicated thereunder. 215 An order for home detention by the court pursuant to the 216 provisions of article eleven-b of said chapter may be used as an

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217 alternative sentence to any period of incarceration required by 218 this section for a first or subsequent offense: Provided, however, 219 That for any period of home incarceration ordered for a person 220 convicted of second offense under this section, electronic 221 monitoring shall be required for no fewer than five days of the total period of home confinement ordered and the offender may 222 223 not leave home for those five days notwithstanding the 224 provisions of section five, article eleven-b, chapter sixty-two of this code: Provided further, That for any period of home 225 226 incarceration ordered for a person convicted of a third or 227 subsequent violation of this section, electronic monitoring shall 228 be included for no fewer than ten days of the total period of 229 home confinement ordered and the offender may not leave home 230 for those ten days notwithstanding section five, article eleven-b, 231 chapter sixty-two of this code.

### **ARTICLE 5. SERIOUS TRAFFIC OFFENSES**

# §17C-5-2. Driving under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs; penalties.

- 1 (a) Legislative findings and intent-
- 2 (1) Despite aggressive public campaigns and warnings of the
- 3 dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the

- 4 continued rise in impaired driving in this state possess a threat to
- 5 the public utilizing the roads in this state.
- 6 (2) Given the public safety concerns, there is a compelling
- 7 state interest to require appropriate legislative action and
- 8 penalties to stem this continuing threat.
- 9 (3) In recognition and continued memory of the lives and
- 10 families that have been so tragically affected by impaired driving
- 11 in this state, this section shall hereafter be known as "Andrea and
- 12 Willy's Law".
- 13 (b) Definitions-
- 14 <u>(1) "Impaired State" means a person:</u>
- 15 (A) Is under the influence of alcohol;
- 16 (B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;
- 17 (C) Is under the influence of any other drug;
- 18 (D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any
- 19 controlled substance or any other drug; or
- 20 (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of eight
- 21 <u>hundredths of one percent or more, by weight.</u>
- 22 (2) "Bodily Injury" means injury that causes substantial
- 23 physical pain, illness or any impairment of physical condition,

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24	(3) "Serious Bodily Injury" means bodily injury which
25	creates a substantial risk of death, which causes serious or
26	prolonged disfigurement, prolonged impairment of health or
27	prolonged loss or impairment of the function of any bodily
28	organ.
29	(c) Any person who drives a vehicle in this state while he or
30	she is in an impaired state and proximately causes the death of
31	any person is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof,
32	shall be imprisoned in a state correctional facility for not less
33	than three nor more than fifteen years and shall be fined not less
34	than \$5,000 nor more than \$20,000: Provided, That any death
35	charged under this subsection must occur within one year of the
36	offense and be proximately caused by the driver's impaired state.
37	(d) Any person who drives a vehicle in this state while he or
38	she is in an impaired state and proximately causes serious bodily
39	injury to any person other than himself or herself, is guilty of a
40	felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in a
41	state correctional facility for not less than two nor more than ten

42 years and shall be fined not less than \$2,000 nor more than 43 \$15,000.

Eng. H. B. No. 2664] 16 44 (e) Any person who drives a vehicle in this state while he or 45 she is in an impaired state and proximately causes a bodily injury to any person other than himself or herself, is guilty of a 46 47 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in 48 jail for not more than one year, or fined not less than \$1,000 nor 49 more than \$5,000, or both. 50 (f) Any person who drives a vehicle in this state while he or 51 she is in an impaired state, but less than fifteen hundredths of 52 one percent by weight, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon 53 conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail for not less than two 54 days nor more than six months and shall be fined not less than 55 \$200 nor more than \$1,000: *Provided*, That such jail term shall 56 include actual confinement of not less than twenty-four hours: 57 Provided, however, That a person sentenced pursuant to this subsection shall receive credit for any period of actual 58 59 confinement he or she served upon arrest for the subject offense. 60 (g) Any person who drives a vehicle in this state while he or 61 she has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of fifteen 62 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, is guilty of a 63 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in

17 [Eng. H. B. No. 2664 64 jail for not less than three months nor more than nine months, 65 and shall be fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000: Provided, That such jail term shall include actual confinement of 66 not less than forty-eight hours: Provided, however, That a person 67 68 sentenced pursuant to this subsection shall receive credit for any 69 period of actual confinement he or she served upon arrest for the 70 subject offense. 71 (h) Any person who drives a vehicle in this state while he or 72 she is in an impaired state and has within the vehicle one or more other persons who are unemancipated minors who have not vet 73 74 reached their sixteenth birthday is guilty of a misdemeanor and, 75 upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail for not less than 76 six months nor more than a year, and shall be fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000: Provided, That such jail term shall 77 78 include actual confinement of not less than forty-eight hours: 79 Provided, however, That a person sentenced pursuant to this 80 subdivision shall receive credit for any period of actual 81 confinement he or she served upon arrest for the subject offense. 82 (i) Any person who knowingly permits his or her vehicle to 83 be driven in this state by any other person in an impaired state is

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84	guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be
85	confined in jail for not less than two days nor more than six
86	months and shall be fined not less than \$200 nor more than
87	\$1,000.

88	(j) Offenses by persons under the age of twenty-one-(1) Any
89	person under the age of twenty-one years who drives a vehicle
90	in this state while he or she has an alcohol concentration in his
91	or her blood of two hundredths of one percent or more, by
92	weight, but less than eight hundredths of one percent, by weight,
93	is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be
94	confined in jail for not less than two days nor more than six
95	months and shall be fined not less than \$200 nor more than
96	\$1,000: Provided, That such jail term shall include actual
97	confinement of not less than twenty-four hours: Provided,
98	however, That a person sentenced pursuant to this subsection
99	shall receive credit for any period of actual confinement he or
100	she served upon arrest for the subject offense.
101	(2) For a second or subsequent offense under this subsection,

102 the person is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction

103 thereof, shall be confined in jail for not less than six months nor

104	more than a year, and shall be fined not less than \$1,000 nor
105	more than \$2,500: Provided, That such jail term shall include
106	actual confinement of not less than forty-eight hours: Provided,
107	however, That a person sentenced pursuant to this subdivision
108	shall receive credit for any period of actual confinement he or
109	she served upon arrest for the subject offense.
110	(3) A person who is charged with a first offense under the
111	provisions of this subsection may move for a continuance of the
112	proceedings, from time to time, to allow the person to participate
113	in the Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program as
114	provided in section three-a, article five-a of this chapter. Upon
115	successful completion of the program, the court shall dismiss the
116	charge against the person and expunge the person's record as it
117	relates to the alleged offense. In the event the person fails to
118	successfully complete the program, the court shall proceed to an
119	adjudication of the alleged offense. A motion for a continuance
120	under this subsection may not be construed as an admission or
121	be used as evidence.
122	(4) A person arrested and charged with an offense under

123 subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) or (h) of this section may

- 124 not also be charged with an offense under this subsection arising
- 125 <u>out of the same transaction or occurrence.</u>
- 126 (k) Subsequent Offenses- (1) Any person violating any
- 127 provision of subsection (e), (f), (g), (h) or (i) of this section, for
- 128 the second offense under this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor
- 129 and, upon conviction thereof, and shall be confined in jail for not
- 130 more than one year, and shall be fined not less than \$2,500 nor
- 131 more than \$5,000.
- 132 (2) A person violating any provision of subsection (e), (f),
- 133 (g), (h) or (i) of this section, for the third or any subsequent
- 134 offense under this section, is guilty of a felony and, upon
- 135 conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in a state correctional
- 136 facility for not less than two nor more than five years and the
- 137 court may, in its discretion, impose a fine of not less than \$5,000
- 138 <u>nor more than \$10,000.</u>
- 139 (3) For purposes of this subsection relating to second, third
- 140 and subsequent offenses, the following events shall be regarded
- 141 as offenses under this section:
- 142 (i) Any conviction under the provisions of subsection (c),
- 143 (d), (e), (f),(g) or (h) of this section or under a prior enactment

[Eng. H. B. No. 2664 144 of this section for an offense which occurred within the ten-year 145 period immediately preceding the date of arrest in the current 146 proceeding;

- 147 (ii) Any conviction under a municipal ordinance of this state 148 or any other state or a statute of the United States or of any other 149 state of an offense which relates to the operation of a vehicle 150 while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance,
- 151 and which offense occurred within the ten-year period
- immediately preceding the date of arrest in the current 152 153 proceeding; and
- 154 (iii) Any period of conditional probation imposed pursuant
- 155 section two-b of this article for violation of subsection (f) of this
- 156 article, which violation occurred within the ten-year period
- 157 immediately preceding the date of arrest in the current
- 158 proceeding.
- 159 (1) A person may be charged in a warrant or indictment or
- 160 information for a second or subsequent offense under this section
- 161 if the person has been previously arrested for or charged with a
- 162 violation of this section which is alleged to have occurred within
- 163 the applicable time period for prior offenses, notwithstanding the

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164	fact that there has not been a final adjudication of the charges for
165	the alleged previous offense. In that case, the warrant or
166	indictment or information must set forth the date, location and
167	particulars of the previous offense or offenses. No person may

be convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this section 168

- 169 unless the conviction for the previous offense has become final,
- 170 or the person has previously had a period of conditional
- 171 probation imposed pursuant to section two-b of this article.
- 172 (m) The fact that any person charged with a violation of
- 173 subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) or (i) of this section,
- 174 or any person permitted to drive as described under subsection
- 175 (i) of this section, is or has been legally entitled to use alcohol,
- 176 a controlled substance or a drug does not constitute a defense
- 177 against any charge of violating subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e),
- 178 (f), (g), (h), (i) or (j) of this section.
- 179 (n) For purposes of this section, the term "controlled 180 substance" has the meaning ascribed to it in chapter sixty-a of
- 181 this code.
- 182 (o) The sentences provided in this section upon conviction 183 for a violation of this article are mandatory and are not subject

184 to suspension or probation: *Provided*, That the court may apply 185 the provisions of article eleven-a, chapter sixty-two of this code 186 to a person sentenced or committed to a term of one year or less 187 for a first offense under this section: Provided, however, That the 188 court may impose a term of conditional probation pursuant to 189 section two-b of this article to persons adjudicated thereunder. 190 An order for home detention by the court pursuant to the 191 provisions of article eleven-b of said chapter may be used as an 192 alternative sentence to any period of incarceration required by 193 this section for a first or subsequent offense: Provided, further, 194 That for any period of home incarceration ordered for a person 195 convicted of second offense under this section, electronic 196 monitoring shall be required for no fewer than five days of the 197 total period of home confinement ordered and the offender may 198 not leave home for those five days notwithstanding the 199 provisions of section five, article eleven-b, chapter sixty-two of 200 this code: And provided further, That for any period of home 201 incarceration ordered for a person convicted of a third or 202 subsequent violation of this section, electronic monitoring shall 203 be included for no fewer than ten days of the total period of

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204	home confinement ordered	and the offender may not leave home
205	for those ten days notwiths	tanding section five, article eleven-b,
206	chapter sixty-two of this c	ode.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill, to be known as "Andrea and Willy's Law", is to increase penalties for causing death or injury while driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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