

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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### House Bill 2751

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NOTE

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to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,  
2 designated §61-17-1, relating to abolishing mandatory prison sentences.

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

**ARTICLE 17. ABOLISHMENT OF MANDATORY PRISON SENTENCING.**

**§61-17-1. Abolishment of mandatory prison sentences.**

1 Notwithstanding any provision in this code to the contrary, mandatory or prescribed prison  
2 sentencing and sentences are hereby abolished. Any mandatory or prescribed sentences referred  
3 to in this code shall be hereinafter be read as being the maximum sentence allowed by law and  
4 the courts.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to abolish mandatory prison sentences.

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