

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2024 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 810

By Senators Deeds and Stuart

[Introduced February 15, 2024; referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §61-2-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
2 increasing the penalty for voluntary manslaughter.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON.

§61-2-4. Voluntary manslaughter; penalty.

1 Voluntary manslaughter shall be punished by a definite term of imprisonment in the
2 penitentiary which is not less than ~~three~~ five nor more than ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five years. A person
3 imprisoned pursuant to the provisions of this section is not eligible for parole prior to having served
4 a minimum of ~~three~~ five years of his or her sentence or the minimum period required by the
5 provisions of ~~section thirteen, article twelve, chapter sixty-two~~ §62-12-13 of this code, whichever is
6 greater.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to increase the penalty for voluntary manslaughter.

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