West Virginia Legislature

Act to Provide Sanctions for Perjury

The purpose of this Act is to define and provide sanctions for perjury.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia assembled, that the definition of perjury shall be as follows:

1. The deliberate, willful giving of false, misleading or incomplete testimony under oath.

2. The breach of an oath or promise.

Be it further enacted, that any person who shall violate their Oath of Office, Oath of Allegiance, or any Oath required by Constitution or Act shall be deemed guilty of Perjury, a High Felony, and upon conviction in a Court of competent jurisdiction, shall have the Pains of one to ten years imprisonment and Penalties of the equivalent of one year’s salary.

Be it further enacted, that any person who shall take a false oath or affirmation in any Court under the Authority of West Virginia, or shall give false, misleading or incomplete testimony in any Court under the Authority of West Virginia, or shall enter, or attempt to enter, on the Record of the aforementioned Courts, any false documents or documents falsely sworn to, shall be deemed guilty of Perjury, a High Felony, and upon conviction in a Court of competent jurisdiction, shall have the Pains of one to ten years imprisonment and Penalties of no less than ten thousand dollars.

Be it further enacted, that this Act shall take effect immediately upon passage and signing into law by the governor.