

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2016 REGULAR SESSION**

**Committee Substitute**

**for**

**Senate Bill 272**

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reported on February 11, 2016.]



1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
2 designated §5-3-6, relating to Attorney General's investigators; and allowing duly  
3 authorized investigators to carry concealed weapons under certain circumstances.

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

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new  
2 section, designated §5-3-6, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 3. ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

**§5-3-6. Attorney General's investigators authority to carry concealed weapon.**

1 Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, the Attorney General may  
2 designate investigators in his or her employ to carry a firearm in the course of performing their  
3 official duties: *Provided*, That as a precondition of being authorized to carry a concealed weapon  
4 in the course of their official duties, any such designated investigator must have first successfully  
5 completed a firearms training and certification program and maintain certification in a manner  
6 which is equivalent to that which is required of members of the State Police. The designated  
7 investigator must also obtain and maintain a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon issued  
8 pursuant to article seven, chapter sixty-one of this code.