

1 ~~That~~ prior to the fixation of any initial rates, tolls or charges
2 or any increase in any rates, tolls or charges along any portion of
3 the a parkway project, ~~the Parkways Authority shall create a~~
4 ~~discount program for purchasers of West Virginia EZ Pass~~
5 ~~transponders.~~ Any discount program created pursuant to this
6 section shall provide discounts for each class of motor vehicles.

7 (b) The Authority shall provide public notice and hold public
8 hearings on any proposed discount program as required in section
9 thirteen-a of this article prior to implementation of such program.

10 (c) Annually, the Parkways Authority shall hold at least one
11 public informational session in each ~~of the following counties:~~
12 ~~Kanawha, Fayette, Raleigh and Mercer counties~~ county that has or is
13 proposed to have a parkways toll road or a portion of a parkways
14 toll road. The Authority is to distribute educational materials
15 and other information concerning the discount program for
16 purchasers of West Virginia EZ Pass transponders described in this
17 section.

18 (d) ~~Upon the effective date of the amendments to this section~~
19 ~~enacted during the regular session of the Legislature in the year~~
20 ~~2010, the~~ The Authority shall make available West Virginia EZ Pass
21 transponders to the public without the payment of any monetary
22 security deposit. The Authority shall credit any individual that
23 has paid a security deposit for a West Virginia EZ Pass transponder
24 prior to July 1, 2010, on the individual's next billing statement.

1 (e) For purposes of this section, a "West Virginia EZ Pass
2 transponder" means a device sold by the Parkways Authority which
3 allows the purchaser to attach the device to his or her motor
4 vehicle and travel through a Parkways toll facility and be billed
5 for such travel by the Authority.

(NOTE: The purpose of this bill is extend the discount program currently available to EZ Pass transponders on the West Virginia Turnpike to all future toll roads.)