1	Senate Bill No. 611
2	(By Senators Palumbo, Browning, Foster, Klempa, Minard, Snyder,
3	Tucker, Williams, Wills and Nohe)
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5	[Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary;
6	reported February 25, 2011.]
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9	A BILL to amend and reenact §17-16A-29 of the Code of West
10	Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to extending the discount
11	for West Virginia EZ Pass transponders to all other toll
12	roads; and requiring an annual public informational session in
13	the affected counties.
14	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
15	That \$17-16A-29 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as
16	amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
17	ARTICLE 16A. WEST VIRGINIA PARKWAYS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
18	TOURISM AUTHORITY.
19	§17-16A-29. Discount program for purchasers of West Virginia EZ
20	Pass transponders.
21	(a) The Parkways Authority is hereby authorized to <u>shall</u>
22	create a discount program for purchasers of West Virginia EZ Pass
23	transponders for all current and future toll roads,: Provided,

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

- (b) The Authority shall provide public notice and hold public hearings on any proposed discount program as required in section thirteen-a of this article prior to implementation of such program.
- (c) Annually, the Parkways Authority shall hold at least one public informational session in each of the following counties:

 Kanawha, Fayette, Raleigh and Mercer counties county that has or is proposed to have a parkways toll road or a portion of a parkways toll road. The Authority is to distribute educational materials and other information concerning the discount program for purchasers of West Virginia EZ Pass transponders described in this section.
- enacted during the regular session of the Legislature in the year 2010, the The Authority shall make available West Virginia EZ Pass transponders to the public without the payment of any monetary security deposit. The Authority shall credit any individual that has paid a security deposit for a West Virginia EZ Pass transponder prior to July 1, 2010, on the individual's next billing statement.

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