

Senate Bill No. 335

(By Senators Beach and Prezioso)

[Introduced January 28, 2011; referred to the Committee on
Government Organization; and then to the Committee on the
Judiciary.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
adding thereto a new section, designated §8-12-15f, relating
to authorizing Class I and Class II municipalities to regulate
taxis and taxi stands.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
by adding thereto a new section, designated §8-12-15f, to read as
follows:

**ARTICLE 12. GENERAL AND SPECIFIC POWERS, DUTIES AND ALLIED
RELATIONS OF MUNICIPALITIES, GOVERNING BODIES AND
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; SUITS AGAINST
MUNICIPALITIES.**

§8-12-15f. Regulation of taxis.

(a) Notwithstanding article two, chapter twenty-four-a of this

1 code, the governing body of a Class I or Class II municipality may,
2 by ordinance, regulate the transportation by motor vehicle of
3 passengers, for pay, within the limits of the municipality or from
4 points in the city to points beyond the limits of the municipality.

5 The regulations may include, but are not limited to:

- 6 (1) Imposing reasonable license fee;
- 7 (2) Regulations for the operation of vehicles;
- 8 (3) The rates to be charged for transportation;
- 9 (4) The location of taxi stands;
- 10 (5) Driver background checks; and
- 11 (6) Drug Testing.

12 (b) This section may not be used to increase the number of
13 allowable operators of motor vehicles used to transport passengers
14 for pay.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit Class I and Class II municipalities to regulate taxi stands.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.