1	Senate Bill No. 156
2	(By Senator Barnes)
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4	[Introduced February 14, 2013; referred to the Committee on
5	Transportation and Infrastructure.]
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L O	A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
L1	adding thereto a new section, designated §17C-15-50, relating
L2	to prohibiting vehicles equipped with a hitch from being left
L3	with hitch tongues inserted in the hitch when the hitch tongue
L 4	is not in use.
L 5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
L 6	That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
L 7	by adding thereto a new section, designated §17C-15-50, to read as
L 8	follows:
L 9	ARTICLE 15. EQUIPMENT.
20	§17C-15-50. Vehicles to remove hitch tongues and related
21	accessories when not in use.
22	Any vehicle, equipped with a hitch, designed to accommodate
23	hitching tongues with mounted hitching balls or other hitching

- 1 tongues connected to luggage carriers, bicycle carriers or the
- 2 like, shall not be driven or left stationary with a hitching tongue
- 3 left inserted into the hitch or otherwise attached, when the
- 4 hitching ball is not in use for towing or the particular device or
- 5 implement for which the hitching tongue is designed to hold is not
- 6 in use for the particular purpose for which it is intended.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit vehicles equipped with a hitch, from being left with hitch tongues inserted in the hitch when the hitch tongue is not in use.

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