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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17A-6D-16, relating to daily passenger rental car business; and allowing rental vehicle contracts to include a vehicle licensing cost recovery fee.

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 §17A-6D-16, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6D. DAILY PASSENGER RENTAL CAR BUSINESS.

§17A-6D-16. Vehicle license cost recovery fee charged by daily passenger rental car company.

- 1 (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Vehicle license costs" means the costs incurred by a
- 3 daily passenger rental car company for licensing, titling,
- 4 registration, property tax, plating and inspecting rental motor
- 5 vehicles; and

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6 (2) "Vehicle license cost recovery fee" means a charge on 7 a vehicle rental transaction originating within this state that 8 may be separately stated on the rental agreement to recover 9 vehicle license costs.

(b) Method for vehicle cost recovery. –

- 11 (1) If a daily passenger car rental company includes a 12 vehicle license cost recovery fee as a separately stated charge 13 in a rental transaction, the amount of the fee shall represent 14 the company's good-faith estimate of the daily passenger 15 rental car daily charge to recover its actual total annual 16 vehicle license costs.
- 17 (2) If the total amount of the vehicle license cost recovery
 18 fees collected by a daily passenger rental car company under
 19 this section in any calendar year exceeds the company's
 20 actual vehicle license costs, the daily passenger car rental
 21 company shall:
- 22 (A) Retain the excess amount; and
- 23 (B) Adjust the vehicle cost recovery fee for the following 24 calendar year by a corresponding amount.
- 26 (c) Nothing in this section prevents a daily passenger car 26 rental company from including, or making adjustments 27 during the calendar year to, separately stated surcharges, fees 28 or charges in the rental agreement, which may include, but 29 are not limited to, vehicle license cost recovery fees, airport 30 access fees, airport concession fees, consolidated facility 31 charges and all applicable taxes.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.
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