

1 **H. B. 4263**

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8 Committee on Roads and Transportation then Finance.]

**FISCAL
NOTE**

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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §15-2-12 of the Code of West Virginia,
11 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §17-16A-4,
12 §17-16A-10 and §17-16A-18 of said code, all relating to
13 providing for the transfer of ownership, operation and
14 maintenance of certain assets of the West Virginia Parkways
15 Authority to the Division of Highways; requiring all debt
16 obligations of the Parkways Authority to be satisfied by
17 February 1, 2020; eliminating tolls on the West Virginia
18 Turnpike after debt obligations are satisfied; directing the
19 Governor to issue a proclamation that all obligations are
20 satisfied and transfer of assets; providing that certain
21 materials, equipment, assets and employees of the parkways
22 authority be transferred to the Division of Highways;
23 providing for employees of the Parkways Authority whose
24 positions are eliminated as result of the transfer; requiring
25 certain moneys be used for operation and maintenance of, and

1 for the provision of police services by the West Virginia
2 State Police on the West Virginia Turnpike; providing that all
3 obligations and responsibilities of the parkways authority for
4 the West Virginia Turnpike cease on January 1, 2035;
5 prohibiting new bonds from being issued; providing an
6 exception; requiring the Division of Highways to accept
7 ownership of the West Virginia Turnpike when the bonds secured
8 by toll revenues have been paid; creating two funds; and
9 authorizing rule-making.

10 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

11 That §15-2-12 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
12 be amended and reenacted; and that §17-16A-4, §17-16A-10 and
13 §17-16A-18 of said code be amended and reenacted, all to read as
14 follows:

15 **CHAPTER 15. PUBLIC SAFETY.**

16 **ARTICLE 2. WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE.**

17 **§15-2-12. Mission of the State Police; powers of superintendent,
18 officers and members; patrol of turnpike.**

19 (a) The West Virginia State Police shall have the mission of
20 statewide enforcement of criminal and traffic laws with emphasis on
21 providing basic enforcement and citizen protection from criminal
22 depredation throughout the state and maintaining the safety of the
23 state's public streets, roads and highways.

1 (b) The superintendent and each of the officers and members of
2 the division are hereby empowered:

3 (1) To make arrests anywhere within the state of any persons
4 charged with the violation of any law of this state, or of the
5 United States, and when a witness to the perpetration of any
6 offense or crime, or to the violation of any law of this state, or
7 of the United States, to make arrests without warrant; to arrest
8 and detain any persons suspected of the commission of any felony or
9 misdemeanor whenever a complaint is made and a warrant is issued
10 thereon for the arrest, and the person arrested shall be
11 immediately brought before the proper tribunal for examination and
12 trial in the county where the offense for which the arrest has been
13 made was committed;

14 (2) To serve criminal process issued by any court or
15 magistrate anywhere within this state: *Provided*, That they may not
16 serve civil process; and

17 (3) To cooperate with local authorities in detecting crime and
18 in apprehending any person or persons engaged in or suspected of
19 the commission of any crime, misdemeanor or offense against the law
20 of this state, or of the United States, or of any ordinance of any
21 municipality in this state; and to take affidavits in connection
22 with any application to the Division of Highways, Division of Motor
23 Vehicles and of West Virginia State Police for any license, permit
24 or certificate that may be lawfully issued by these divisions of

1 state government.

2 (c) Members of the West Virginia State Police are hereby
3 designated as forest patrolmen and natural resources police
4 officers throughout the state to do and perform any duties and
5 exercise any powers of forest patrolmen and natural resources
6 police officers, and may apprehend and bring before any court or
7 magistrate having jurisdiction of these matters, anyone violating
8 ~~any of the provisions of~~ chapters twenty, sixty and sixty-one of
9 this code. The West Virginia State Police is at any time subject
10 to the call of the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control
11 Commissioner to aid in apprehending any person violating ~~any of the~~
12 ~~provisions of~~ chapter sixty of this code. They shall serve and
13 execute warrants for the arrest of any person and warrants for the
14 search of any premises issued by any properly constituted
15 authority, and shall exercise all of the powers conferred by law
16 upon a sheriff. They may not serve any civil process or exercise
17 any of the powers of an officer in civil matters.

18 (d) Any member of the West Virginia State Police knowing or
19 having reason to believe that any person has violated the law may
20 make complaint in writing before any court or officer having
21 jurisdiction and procure a warrant for the offender, execute the
22 warrant and bring the person before the proper tribunal having
23 jurisdiction. The member shall make return on all warrants to the
24 tribunals and his or her official title shall be "Member of the

1 West Virginia State Police". Members of the West Virginia State
2 Police may execute any summons or process issued by any tribunal
3 having jurisdiction requiring the attendance of any person as a
4 witness before the tribunal and make return thereon as provided by
5 law. Any return by a member of the West Virginia State Police
6 showing the manner of executing the warrant or process has the same
7 force and effect as if made by a sheriff.

8 (e) Each member of the West Virginia State Police, when called
9 by the sheriff of any county, or when directed by the Governor by
10 proclamation, has full power and authority within the county, or
11 within the territory defined by the Governor, to direct and command
12 absolutely the assistance of any sheriff, deputy sheriff, chief of
13 police, policeman, natural resources police officer and peace
14 officer of the state, or of any county or municipality therein, or
15 of any able-bodied citizen of the United States, to assist and aid
16 in accomplishing the purposes expressed in this article. When
17 called, any officer or person is, during the time his or her
18 assistance is required, for all purposes a member of the West
19 Virginia State Police and subject to ~~all the provisions of this~~
20 article.

21 (f) (1) The superintendent may also assign members of the
22 division to perform police duties on any turnpike or toll road, or
23 any section of any turnpike or toll road, operated by the West
24 Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority:

1 *Provided*, That the authority shall reimburse the West Virginia
2 State Police for salaries paid to the members and shall either pay
3 directly or reimburse the division for all other expenses of the
4 group of members in accordance with actual or estimated costs
5 determined by the superintendent.

6 (2) The superintendent may also assign members of the division
7 to perform police duties on the highway now known and designated as
8 the West Virginia Turnpike after it is transferred to the Division
9 of Highways pursuant to section four, article sixteen-a, chapter
10 seventeen of this code. The Division of Highways shall either
11 partially or fully reimburse the West Virginia State Police for the
12 cost of providing the police services in accordance with section
13 four, article sixteen-a, chapter seventeen of this code.

14 (g) The West Virginia State Police may develop proposals for
15 a comprehensive county or multicounty plan on the implementation of
16 an enhanced emergency service telephone system and may cause a
17 public meeting on the proposals, all as set forth in section six-a,
18 article six, chapter twenty-four of this code.

19 (h) By July 1, 1993, the superintendent shall establish a
20 network to implement reports of the disappearance of children by
21 local law-enforcement agencies to local school division
22 superintendents and the State Registrar of Vital Statistics. The
23 network shall be designed to establish cooperative arrangements
24 between local law-enforcement agencies and local school divisions

1 concerning reports of missing children and notices to
2 law-enforcement agencies of requests for copies of the cumulative
3 records and birth certificates of missing children. The network
4 shall also establish a mechanism for reporting the identities of
5 all missing children to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.

6 (i) The superintendent may at his or her discretion and upon
7 the written request of the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control
8 Commissioner assist the commissioner in the coordination and
9 enforcement of article sixteen, chapter eleven of this code and
10 chapter sixty of this code.

11 (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of article one-a, chapter
12 twenty of this code, the Superintendent of the West Virginia State
13 Police may sell any surplus real property to which the West
14 Virginia State Police or its predecessors retain title, and deposit
15 the net proceeds into a special revenue account to be utilized for
16 the purchase of additional real property and for repairs to or
17 construction of detachment offices or other facilities required by
18 the West Virginia State Police. There is hereby created a special
19 revolving fund in the State Treasury which shall be designated as
20 the "Surplus Real Property Proceeds Fund". The fund shall consist
21 of all money received from the sale of surplus real property owned
22 by the West Virginia State Police. Moneys deposited in the fund
23 shall only be available for expenditure upon appropriation by the
24 Legislature: *Provided*, That amounts collected which are found from

1 time to time to exceed the funds needed for the purposes set forth
2 in this subsection may be transferred to other accounts or funds
3 and redesignated for other purposes by appropriation of the
4 Legislature.

5 (k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, the
6 agency for surplus property is hereby empowered to transfer funds
7 generated from the sale of vehicles, other equipment and
8 commodities belonging to the West Virginia State Police to a
9 special revenue account within the West Virginia State Police
10 entitled the West Virginia State Police surplus transfer account.
11 Moneys deposited in the fund shall only be available for
12 expenditure upon appropriation by the Legislature: *Provided, That*
13 amounts collected which are found from time to time to exceed the
14 funds needed for the purposes set forth in this subsection may be
15 transferred to other accounts or funds and redesignated for other
16 purposes by appropriation of the Legislature. Any funds
17 transferred to this account may be utilized by the superintendent
18 to defray the cost of normal operating needs of the division.

19 (l) If the State Police or any other law-enforcement agency in
20 this state receives a report that a person who has Alzheimer's
21 disease and related dementia is missing, the State Police or any
22 other law-enforcement agency shall immediately open an
23 investigation for the purpose of determining the whereabouts of
24 that missing person. Any policy of the State Police or any other

1 law-enforcement agency relating to a waiting period prior to
2 initiation of an investigation of a missing person does not apply
3 in the case of a person who has Alzheimer's disease or other
4 related dementia of the type referred to in this subsection.

5 (m) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the
6 contrary, effective on and after July 1, 2007, the expenses and
7 salaries paid to the members of the West Virginia State Police for
8 the monitoring and enforcement duties defined in chapter
9 seventeen-c of this code may not be paid from the State Road Fund
10 or subject to reimbursement from the Division of Motor Vehicles but
11 is subject to appropriation by the Legislature.

12 **CHAPTER 17. ROADS AND HIGHWAYS.**

13 **ARTICLE 16A. WEST VIRGINIA PARKWAYS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND**

14 **TOURISM AUTHORITY.**

15 **§17-16A-4. Transfer of powers, duties, functions, assets and**
16 **liabilities of turnpike commission to parkways**
17 **authority.**

18 (a) The duties, powers and functions of the West Virginia
19 turnpike commission are hereby transferred to the parkways
20 authority.

21 (b) All obligations, indebtedness and other liabilities of,
22 and all rights, assets and other property owned by or used in the
23 administration of, the West Virginia turnpike commission as of June

1 1, 1989, and all personnel of said turnpike commission as of said
2 date are hereby assumed by and transferred to the parkways
3 authority, which is hereby constituted the successor in interest to
4 said commission in all respects.

5 (c) All books, papers, maps, charts, plans, literature and
6 other records in the possession of the West Virginia turnpike
7 commission as of June 1, 1989, shall be delivered or turned over to
8 the parkways authority.

9 (d) The unexpended balance of appropriations or other funds
10 available for use of the West Virginia turnpike commission as of
11 June 1, 1989, is hereby transferred to the parkways authority for
12 the use of the parkways authority.

13 (e) On or before February 1, 2020, all debt obligations held
14 by the Parkways Authority shall be satisfied.

15 (f) Upon the full satisfaction of the bond debt of the
16 Parkways Authority and the completion and affirmative finding of a
17 highway condition assessment measuring compliance with quality
18 standards promulgated by the Division of Highways, the Governor
19 shall issue a proclamation finding that the bond debt of the
20 authority is fully satisfied and that the West Virginia Turnpike
21 has been maintained at or above Division of Highways standards and
22 directing the immediate conveyance of the West Virginia Turnpike,
23 buildings and land dedicated exclusively to its maintenance,
24 current and future use, except for the travel plaza buildings,

1 roads and parking facilities and lease properties, all records,
2 maps, charts, schedules and plans relating to the West Virginia
3 Turnpike and all maintenance material and equipment assets not
4 specifically dedicated to the maintenance of travel plazas to the
5 Division of Highways.

6 (g) Upon the issuance of the proclamation provided in
7 subsection (f) of this section:

8 (1) All obligations, indebtedness and other liabilities
9 pertaining exclusively to the West Virginia Turnpike and other
10 assets expressly described under subsection (f) of this section,
11 as of the date of the proclamation, are hereby assumed by and
12 transferred to the Division of Highways.

13 (2) The Parkways Authority shall first liquidate all publicly
14 traded securities in its holdings and convey all of its monetary
15 assets in excess of \$5 million to the Division of Highways to be
16 deposited in the "Turnpike Transition Fund."

17 (3) All the Parkways Authority employees dedicated to highway
18 maintenance and upkeep shall be transferred to employment by the
19 West Virginia Division of Highways.

20 (4) All employees of the Parkways Authority dedicated to toll
21 collection and toll collection operations shall remain employees of
22 the Parkways Authority until the cessation of tolling as provided
23 by section eighteen of this article.

24 (5) The Commissioner of the Division of Highways and Director

1 of the Division of Personnel shall jointly provide for the
2 evaluation of the skills, education, experience and qualifications
3 of all full-time, permanent employees of the Parkways Authority
4 dedicated to toll collection and toll collection operations prior
5 to the cessation of tolling, as provided by section eighteen of
6 this article. All full-time, permanent employees that may be laid
7 off by the authority or Division of Highways at the time of or
8 within six months following the date of the cessation of tolling as
9 provided by section eighteen of this article shall be entitled to
10 be placed on an appropriate reemployment list maintained by the
11 Division of Personnel and allowed a preference on that list. The
12 Division of Personnel shall maintain those employees on the
13 reemployment list indefinitely, or until an employee has declined
14 three offers of employment at a paygrade substantially similar to
15 that of his or her position at the time of the Governor's
16 proclamation, or until he or she is reemployed by the executive
17 branch of state government, whichever occurs earlier.
18 Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, the
19 Parkways Authority shall, to the greatest extent practical, fill
20 vacant toll collection and toll collection operations positions
21 with temporary employees until the cessation of tolling on the West
22 Virginia Turnpike.

23 (h) There is hereby established a special fund in the State
24 Treasury known as the "Parkways Authority Future Trust Fund." The

1 fund shall be administered by the Auditor and shall consist of
2 twenty-five percent of all toll revenue received by the West
3 Virginia Turnpike from the date of satisfaction of all bonded
4 indebtedness until the date of the Governor's proclamation as
5 provided in subsection (f) of this section, at which time the
6 Auditor shall disburse the entire balance to the Parkways Authority
7 to provide for future operations. Balances in the fund shall not
8 be expended and at the end of any fiscal year shall not expire, but
9 shall be retained for the Parkways Authority until the Governor's
10 proclamation is made.

11 (i) There is hereby established a special fund in the State
12 Treasury known as the "Turnpike Transition Fund." The fund shall
13 be administered by the Commissioner of the Division of Highways and
14 shall consist of monetary assets of the Parkways Authority to be
15 received under subsection (g) of this section. The Parkways
16 Authority shall also deposit fifty percent of all toll revenue
17 received for the West Virginia Turnpike from the date of
18 satisfaction of all bonded indebtedness until the date that tolling
19 ceases in accordance with section eighteen of this article. The
20 fund also consists of revenues provided in subsection (j) of this
21 section and any other funds appropriated by the Legislature to
22 assist the transition to the Division of Highways and the State
23 Road Fund, and the interest or other earnings on the moneys in the
24 fund. The Commissioner of the Division of Highways shall administer

1 the fund to: (1) Provide for the costs of all West Virginia
2 Turnpike operations and maintenance within the Division of Highways
3 and; (2) pay directly or reimburse the West Virginia State Police
4 for the costs of police services performed by members of the State
5 Police assigned to the highway now known as the West Virginia
6 Turnpike, including salaries and all other expenses incurred to
7 provide the police services by its members so assigned, not to
8 exceed \$2 million per fiscal year, from the time the bonded
9 indebtedness is paid in full until its transfer to the Division of
10 Highways, and thereafter until January 1,2035, pursuant to section
11 twelve, article two, chapter fifteen of this code. Balances in the
12 fund at the end of any fiscal year shall not expire, but shall be
13 expended for those purposes in ensuing fiscal years pursuant to
14 appropriation by the Legislature. Upon the depletion of funds in
15 the account, the subject roadways shall be supported by the State
16 Road Fund and any other funds available to the Division of Highways
17 for general maintenance and support.

18 (j) The Parkways Authority shall transfer all remaining assets
19 relating to the West Virginia Turnpike, including travel plazas and
20 lease properties, to the Division of Highways on January 1, 2035.
21 All excess revenue produced by these assets shall be deposited into
22 the Turnpike Transition Fund.

23 (k) All obligations and responsibilities of the Parkways
24 Authority for any part or portion of the West Virginia Turnpike

1 shall cease on January 1, 2035.

2 (l) The Commissioner of the Division of Highways and the
3 Director of the Division of Personnel shall jointly propose for
4 legislative approval rules pursuant to article three, chapter
5 twenty-nine-a of this code as may be necessary to provide for the
6 evaluation, transition, termination, and reemployment of Authority
7 and Division of Highways employees during the transition and to
8 otherwise carry out the purposes of this article as they relate to
9 personnel matters.

10 (m) The Commissioner of the Division of Highways shall propose
11 for legislative approval rules pursuant to article three, chapter
12 twenty-nine-a of this code as may be necessary to carry out the
13 purposes of this article as they relate to all matters not
14 concerning personnel.

15 **§17-16A-10. Parkway revenue bonds generally.**

16 (a) The Parkways Authority is authorized to provide by
17 resolution for the issuance of parkway revenue bonds of the state
18 for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of one or
19 more parkway projects: *Provided*, That this section shall not be
20 construed as authorizing the issuance of parkway revenue bonds for
21 the purpose of paying the cost of the West Virginia Turnpike, which
22 parkway revenue bonds may be issued only as authorized under
23 section eleven of this article: *Provided, however, That no bonds*
24 may be issued following the reenactment of this section during the

1 2014 Regular Legislative Session, except as provided in subsection
2 (i) of this section or except as existing bond debt may be reissued
3 to produce a financial savings or accelerate repayment: *Provided*
4 *further*, That in no such reissue may the amount of principal be
5 increased or the final maturity be extended. The principal of and
6 the interest on bonds shall be payable solely from the funds
7 provided for payment.

8 (b) The bonds of each issue shall be dated, shall bear
9 interest at a rate as may be determined by the Parkways Authority
10 in its sole discretion, shall mature at a time not exceeding forty
11 years from their date or of issue as may be determined by the
12 Parkways Authority, and may be made redeemable before maturity, at
13 the option of the Parkways Authority at a price and under the terms
14 and conditions as may be fixed by the Parkways Authority prior to
15 the issuance of the bonds.

16 (c) The Parkways Authority shall determine the form of the
17 bonds, including any interest coupons to be attached thereto, and
18 shall fix the denomination of the bonds and the place of payment of
19 principal and interest, which may be at any bank or trust company
20 within or without the state.

21 (d) The bonds shall be executed by manual or facsimile
22 signature by the chair of the Parkways Authority, and the official
23 seal of the Parkways Authority shall be affixed to or printed on
24 each bond, and attested, manually or by facsimile signature, by the

1 secretary and treasurer of the Parkways Authority. Any coupons
2 attached to any bond shall bear the manual or facsimile signature
3 of the chair of the Parkways Authority.

4 (e) In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile of
5 whose signature appears on any bonds or coupons shall cease to be
6 an officer before the delivery of the bonds, the signature or
7 facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all
8 purposes the same as if he or she had remained in office until
9 delivery. In case the seal of the Parkways Authority has been
10 changed after a facsimile has been imprinted on the bonds, then the
11 facsimile seal will continue to be sufficient for all purposes.

12 (f) All bonds issued under ~~the provisions of~~ this article
13 shall have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable
14 instruments under the negotiable instruments law of the state. The
15 bonds may be issued in coupon or in registered form, or both, as
16 the Parkways Authority may determine, and provision may be made for
17 the registration of any coupon bonds as to principal alone and also
18 as to both principal and interest, and for the recorders into
19 coupon bonds of any bonds registered as to both principal and
20 interest.

21 (g) The Parkways Authority may sell the bonds at a public or
22 private sale at a price it determines to be in the best interests
23 of the state.

24 (h) The proceeds of the bonds of each issue shall be used

1 solely for the payment of the cost of the parkway project or
2 parkway projects for which the bonds were issued, and shall be
3 disbursed in a manner consistent with the resolution authorizing
4 the issuance of the bonds or in the trust agreement securing the
5 bonds.

6 (i) If the proceeds of the bonds of any issue, by error of
7 estimates or otherwise, shall be less than the cost, then
8 additional bonds may in like manner be issued to provide the amount
9 of the deficit. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution
10 authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in the trust agreement
11 securing the bonds, the additional bonds shall be deemed to be of
12 the same issue and shall be entitled to payment from the same fund
13 without preference or priority of the bonds first issued.

14 (j) If the proceeds of the bonds of any issue exceed the cost
15 of the parkway project or parkway projects for which the bonds were
16 issued, then the surplus shall be deposited to the credit of the
17 sinking fund for the bonds.

18 (k) Prior to the preparation of definitive bonds, the Parkways
19 Authority may, under like restrictions, issue interim receipts or
20 temporary bonds, with or without coupons, exchangeable for
21 definitive bonds when the bonds have been executed and are
22 available for delivery. The Parkways Authority may also provide
23 for the replacement of any bonds that become mutilated or are
24 destroyed or lost.

1 (1) Bonds may be issued under ~~the provisions of~~ this article
 2 without obtaining the consent of any department, division,
 3 commission, board, bureau or agency of the state in accordance with
 4 this article: *Provided*, That the Parkways Authority shall comply
 5 with ~~the provisions of~~ section twenty-eight, article one, chapter
 6 five of this code.

7 **~~§17-16A-18.~~ Cessation of tolls.**

8 (a) Except as provided ~~herein~~ in this section, when all bonds
 9 issued under ~~the provisions of~~ this article in connection with any
 10 parkway project or projects and the interest ~~thereon shall~~ on those
 11 bonds secured by West Virginia Turnpike toll revenues have been
 12 paid or a sufficient amount for the payment of ~~all such those~~ bonds
 13 and the interest ~~thereon~~ on them to ~~the~~ their maturity ~~thereof~~
 14 ~~shall have~~ has been set aside in trust for the benefit of the
 15 bondholders, such project or projects, if then in good condition
 16 and repair to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of the state
 17 Division of Highways, shall be transferred to the state Division of
 18 Highways and shall thereafter be maintained by the state Division
 19 of Highways free of tolls.

20 (b) ~~No later than February 1, 1990~~ On July 1 of the calendar
 21 year beginning after the date the bond indebtedness is satisfied,
 22 as provided in section four of this article, ~~the parkways authority~~
 23 Division of Highways shall discontinue ~~remove and not relocate~~ all
 24 toll collection facilities on the West Virginia Turnpike as ~~the~~

1 ~~same~~ it existed on June 1, 1989, ~~except for the three main toll~~
2 ~~barriers and collection facilities and, provided solely that the~~
3 ~~provisions of section eighteen a are complied with,~~ including the
4 toll collection facilities at the intersection of U.S. Route 19
5 (Corridor "L") and ~~said~~ the turnpike: Provided, That the bonds
6 secured by West Virginia Turnpike toll revenues have been paid as
7 scheduled.

8 (c) The highway now known and designated as the West Virginia
9 Turnpike shall continue to be maintained to the standards
10 promulgated by the West Virginia Division of Highways, and shall be
11 conveyed to the Division of Highways, as provided by section four
12 of this article. The Division of Highways shall accept ownership of
13 the highway at that time.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for the transfer of ownership, operation and maintenance of certain assets of the West Virginia parkways authority, including the road now known as the West Virginia to the Division of Highways. The bill requires all debt obligations of the Parkways Authority to be satisfied by February 1, 2020. The bill eliminates tolls on the West Virginia Turnpike after debt obligations are satisfied. The bill directs the Governor to issue a proclamation that all obligations are satisfied and transfer of assets. The bill provides that certain materials, equipment, assets and employees of the parkways authority be transferred to the Division of Highways. The bill provides for employees of the Parkways Authority whose positions are eliminated as result of the transfer. The bill requires certain moneys be used for operation and maintenance of, and for the provision of police services by the West Virginia State Police on the West Virginia Turnpike. The bill provides that all obligations and responsibilities of the parkways authority for the West Virginia Turnpike cease on January 1, 2035. The bill prohibits new bonds from being issued. The bill provides an exception. The bill

requires the Division of Highways to accept ownership of the West Virginia Turnpike when the bonds secured by toll revenues have been paid. The bill creates two funds and authorizes rule-making.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.