

1 H. B. 4571

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3 (By Delegates Sobonya, Miller, Frich,  
4 Householder, Rowan, Arvon, Border, Faircloth,  
5 McCuskey, Folk and Howell)

6 [Introduced February 17, 2014; referred to the  
7 Committee on Industry and Labor then the Judiciary.]  
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10 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
11 adding thereto a new section, designated §21-3-1a, relating to  
12 requiring the Commissioner of Labor to conduct a study on  
13 workplace accidents at construction sites; setting forth  
14 requirements of the study; requiring a report; providing a  
15 purpose; and defining terms.

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

17 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended  
18 by adding thereto a new section, designated §21-3-1a, to read as  
19 follows:

20 **ARTICLE 3. SAFETY AND WELFARE OF EMPLOYEES.**

21 **§21-3-1a. Commissioner to study workplace accidents at**  
22 **construction sites; purpose; reports.**

23 **(a) Beginning July 1, 2014 the Commissioner of Labor shall**  
24 **conduct a one year study of workplace injuries and fatalities at**

1 construction sites in the state. The information and basis of the  
2 study shall be the workplace injury reports contractors are  
3 required to file pursuant to section one of this article. The  
4 commissioner may also use information derived from other sources in  
5 completing the report. The report shall be submitted no later than  
6 October 1, 2015 to the House of Delegates Industry and Labor  
7 Committee and the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

8 (b) The purpose of the study is to review the needs and  
9 benefits of requiring additional occupational safety and health  
10 standards, rules and courses and reviewing current standards, rules  
11 and courses. The workplace injury information collected by the  
12 commissioner shall include the specific safety training, including  
13 the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) approved  
14 ten-hour construction safety program, each injured worker received  
15 before the injury.

16 (c) For the purposes of this section the terms "contractor"  
17 and "construction site" have the same meanings as those terms are  
18 defined by section nineteen, article twelve, chapter eleven of this  
19 code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the Commissioner of Labor to conduct a study on workplace accidents at construction sites. The bill sets forth requirements of the study. The bill requires a report. The bill sets forth a purpose and defines terms.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.