

**Senate Bill No. 481**

(By Senators Wells, D. Hall, Tucker, Stollings, Cookman and  
Chafin)

[Introduced February 4, 2014; referred to the Committee on  
Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on  
Finance.]

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
adding thereto a new section, designated §17C-14-16, relating  
to requiring the Department of Transportation to place signage  
along highways entering West Virginia honoring fallen veterans  
and Gold Star Families.

*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 §17C-14-16, to read as  
follows:

**ARTICLE 14. MISCELLANEOUS RULES.**

**§17C-14-16. Signs honoring fallen veterans and Gold Star Families.**

Within ninety days of the effective date of this section, the

1 Department of Transportation shall erect signs upon any highway  
2 entering the State of West Virginia on which a "Welcome to West  
3 Virginia" sign is posted, and any other highway the Division of  
4 Highways considers appropriate, posted at a distance of not more  
5 than one mile from each border crossing. Each sign shall read "West  
6 Virginia is proud to honor its fallen Veterans and Gold Star  
7 Families" and shall have affixed to it a gold star symbol similar  
8 to the design of the lapel pin approved under 10 U.S.C. § 1126.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the Department of Transportation to place signs honoring fallen veterans and Gold Star Families within a mile of every "Welcome to West Virginia" sign along highways entering the state.

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