

**H. B. 2447**

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[Introduced January 28, 2015; referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §4-14-1, relating to prohibiting the naming for certain persons of a publicly funded building, road, structure or project which receives any operating or construction moneys from state sources or state taxpayers; and assessing personal liability for violations.

*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 article, designated §4-14-1, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 14. NAMING OF PUBLICLY FUNDED BUILDINGS, ROADS, STRUCTURES  
AND PROJECTS.**

**§4-14-1. Naming a publicly funded building, road, structure or project for a living elected official prohibited.**

(a) A publicly funded building, road, structure or project which receives any operating or construction moneys from state sources or state taxpayers may not be named for a living elected official by any governmental entity in this state. However, this section does not apply to the naming

1 of a publicly funded building, road, structure or project after a deceased former elected state official.  
2 (b) Any executive, board member, director or other responsible state official authorizing the  
3 naming of any publicly funded building, road, structure or project for a living elected official in  
4 violation of this section is personally liable to the governmental entity involved for any costs  
5 incurred by that entity as a result of the violation.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the naming of a publicly funded building, road, structure or project which receives any operating or construction moneys from state sources or state taxpayers for a living, elected official by any governmental entity. The bill also provides that any responsible governmental official authorizing the naming of a building, road, structure or project for a living elected official is liable to the governmental entity for any costs incurred by a violation.

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