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Senate Bill 621

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Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §24A-2-7, relating to exempting taxicab companies whose drivers are
 3 independent contractors from providing workers' compensation coverage for the drivers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
 2 section, designated §24A-2-7, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. COMMON CARRIERS BY MOTOR VEHICLES.

§24A-2-7. Workers' compensation coverage.

1 A taxicab company operating under this chapter is not required to provide workers'
 2 compensation coverage to a driver who provides taxicab service pursuant to a written or electronic
 3 agreement that identifies the taxicab driver as an independent contractor.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to exempt taxicab companies, whose drivers are independent contractors, from providing workers' compensation coverage for the drivers.

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