

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Senate Bill 509

BY SENATORS MAYNARD AND CLINE

[Introduced February 8, 2018; Referred
to the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on
Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §29-1-15, relating to providing the commissioner with the authority to
 3 designate road as “Historic Route”; establishing rule-making authority; and mandatory
 4 collaboration with Division of Highways to create and erect signs.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. DIVISION OF CULTURE AND HISTORY.

§29-1-15. Naming Historic Routes.

1 (a) As a part of its mission to preserve the historical significance of sites throughout the
 2 state, the commissioner is authorized to undertake determinations as to whether any road that is
 3 a part of the United States Numbered Road System should be declared a “Historic Route.” The
 4 commissioner may propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of
 5 §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code.

6 (b) Once a determination has been made to declare a road a “Historic Route”, the
 7 commissioner or his or her designee shall work collaboratively with the Division of Highways to
 8 create and erect signs to educate those travelling the road of its historical significance.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide the commissioner with the authority to designate a road a “Historic Route”; establishing rulemaking authority; and mandatory collaboration with Division of Highways to create and erect signs.

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