

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

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## **Senate Bill 427**

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[Introduced January 25, 2019; Referred  
to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17-16A-29 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
 2 relating to including emergency response vehicles in the single fee program for EZ Pass  
 3 transponders.

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

**ARTICLE 16A. WEST VIRGINIA PARKWAYS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
 TOURISM AUTHORITY.**

**§17-16A-29. Discount program for purchasers of West Virginia EZ Pass transponders.**

1 (a) The Parkways Authority is hereby authorized to create a discount program for  
 2 purchasers of West Virginia EZ Pass transponders: *Provided*, That prior to the fixation of any  
 3 initial rates, tolls or charges or any increase in any rates, tolls or charges along any portion of the  
 4 parkway project, the Parkways Authority may create a discount program for purchasers of West  
 5 Virginia EZ Pass transponders. Any discount program created pursuant to this section shall  
 6 provide discounts for each class of motor vehicles: *Provided, however*, That any single fee  
 7 program implemented by the authority pursuant to §17-16A-6(a)(16) of this code shall apply only  
 8 to passenger motor vehicles and emergency response vehicles certified by the State Fire Marshal  
 9 or the Office of Emergency Services.

10 (b) The authority shall provide public notice and hold a public meeting on any proposed  
 11 discount program as required in section thirteen-a of this article prior to implementation of such  
 12 program.

13 (c) For purposes of this section, a “West Virginia EZ Pass transponder” means a device  
 14 issued by the Parkways Authority which allows the purchaser to attach the device to his or her  
 15 motor vehicle and travel through a Parkways Authority toll facility and be billed for such travel by  
 16 the authority.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to include emergency response vehicles in the single fee program for EZ Pass transponders.

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