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House Bill 2640

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to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL To amend and reenact §17-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to making all inmates regardless of sex eligible to work on a state convict road force.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5. STATE CONVICT ROAD FORCE.

§17-5-1. State convict road force; how used.

1 All ~~male~~ persons convicted of a felony and, sentenced to imprisonment or confinement in
 2 ~~the penitentiary~~ a correctional facility by any court, or who may hereafter be sentenced for a
 3 felony, whether actually sentenced to labor or not, or so many thereof as may be required by the
 4 state road commissioner, shall, as incident to such sentence or confinement, constitute the state
 5 convict road force and as such may be employed under the supervision of the state road
 6 commissioner in building, surfacing and maintaining roads under the supervision of the state road
 7 commissioner, including all roads in the state road system, and in and about any quarries, gravel
 8 pits, sandbanks, crushers, brick kilns, or other plants and places operated by the state road
 9 commission for the manufacture and acquisition of materials for use in the construction,
 10 maintenance and repair of such roads.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to make all state inmates regardless of sex members of the state convict road force.

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