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Senate Bill 676

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1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17-2A-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to
2 amend said code by adding thereto new sections, designated §20-1-12a and §20-1-18d;
3 and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §20-17-1, §20-17-2,
4 §20-17-3, §20-17-4, and §20-17-5, all relating to off-road vehicle recreation; creating an
5 Off-Road Vehicle Recreation Fund for development and maintenance of public roads
6 suitable for off-road vehicle recreation; revising digital road map requirements; requiring
7 an inventory and mapping of state forest roads; describing allowable uses of the Off-Road
8 Vehicle Recreation Fund; defining terms; requiring the development of a comprehensive
9 recreation plan and plans for the construction and maintenance of suitable roads;
10 establishing a program of grants and cooperative agreements to develop and maintain
11 suitable roads and access thereto; mandating review of expenditures; providing for
12 appeals of grant or agreement decisions; and requiring the proposal of legislative rules.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2A. WEST VIRGINIA COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS.

§17-2A-11. Road maps; digital road map.

1 (a) The commissioner shall prepare and currently maintain a master road and highway
2 map which will show all of the state roads and highways located, created, and classified as
3 provided by law; the mileage of roads and highways; the status of improvements; and travel
4 conditions when practical. The commissioner may make economical reproductions of the map for
5 official use and public information purposes, including a digital road map. The goal is for the maps
6 to be computerized and searchable by the public to map routes for travel throughout the state.

7 (b) ~~The~~ In addition to any other representations deemed useful by the commissioner, the
8 digital road map shall indicate ~~whether public roads are unpaved and unimproved, unpaved and~~
9 ~~improved, unlined and paved, or lined and paved~~ be capable of displaying or indicating the type
10 of roads or highways using the following classifications: (1) Primitive or unimproved roads; (2)
11 graded, drained, soil-, gravel-, or stone-surfaced roads; (3) paved, but unpainted roads; (4) roads

12 with a center line or more than two lanes; and (5) interstate highways. The digital road map shall
13 further indicate the types of vehicles that may use each road, including full-size vehicles and off-
14 highway vehicles, such as all-terrain vehicles, utility-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, and off-road
15 vehicles.