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Senate Bill 149

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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.