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Senate Bill 66

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to the Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §24-6-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to requiring members of the State Police to follow the towing services policy of the county
 3 in which the member is located.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 6. LOCAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

§24-6-12. Dispatching of towing services for emergency towing of vehicles; exceptions.

1 (a) Every three years, the county commission of each county or the municipality operating
 2 an emergency telephone system or an enhanced emergency telephone system shall, in
 3 consultation with all public safety units, public agencies, and all available towing services
 4 registered as common carriers pursuant to the provisions of chapter 24A of this code, establish a
 5 policy that provides for the most prompt, fair, equitable and effective response to requests or
 6 dispatches for emergency towing services.

7 (b) For each incident where towing services are required, the public agency procuring
 8 towing services shall maintain a public record of the name of the towing service utilized.

9 (c) Notwithstanding provisions in §26-6-6a of this code, beginning no later than January
 10 1, 2021, members of the West Virginia State Police shall follow the towing services policies of the
 11 county in which they are located.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require members of the State Police to follow towing services policies of the counties in which they are located.

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