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Senate Bill 343

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to the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17B-2-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to authorizing the Division of Motor Vehicles to transact a change of address online for a
 3 driver’s license or identification card.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE, EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL.

§17B-2-13. Notice of change of address or name.

1 (a) Whenever any person after applying for or receiving a driver’s license moves from the
 2 address named in the application or in the license issued to the person, or when the name of a
 3 licensee is changed by marriage or otherwise, the person shall within 20 days thereafter notify
 4 the division in writing of the old and new addresses or of the former and new names and of the
 5 number of any license then held by the person on the forms prescribed by the division.
 6 Notwithstanding the provisions of legislative rule 91 CSR 4, the division may renew or reissue a
 7 driver’s license or identification card online in accordance with §17B-2-12a of this code at the
 8 request of the person when the person has a change of address.

9 (b) Whenever any person, after applying for or receiving a driver’s license, is assigned a
 10 new address by the United States postal service or other legally constituted authority, the person
 11 shall notify the division in writing of the old and new address and of the number of any license
 12 held by the person. The notification of change of address shall be made at least 20 days prior to
 13 the final date on which mail with the old address is deliverable by the United States postal service.

14 (c) The provisions of §17B-5-1 of this code relating to imprisonment do not apply to
 15 persons who violate the provisions of this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide explicit authority to process an online driver’s license or identification renewal or reissuance when the applicant needs to update the address. The authority in code will supersede a legislative rule to the contrary.

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