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**FISCAL NOTE**

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Senate Bill 676

By Senator Maynard

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to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Finance]

A BILL to amend and reenact §11-14C-47 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring taxes collected from motor fuels that are used by off-highway vehicles be used to map state roads using the graphic information system.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 14C. MOTOR FUEL EXCISE TAX.

§11-14C-47. Disposition of tax collected; dedicated receipts; reports.

(a) There is hereby created and established in the State Treasury a special revolving fund to be known and designated as the “Motor Fuel General Tax Administration Fund.” The commissioner is authorized to retain one half of one percent of the tax collected pursuant to the provisions of this article: *Provided,* That in any fiscal year in which the tax collected pursuant to the provisions of this article exceed $300 million, the commissioner is authorized to retain an additional one percent of the tax in excess of the $300 million that is collected. The amounts retained by the commissioner under this subsection shall be deposited in the Motor Fuel General Tax Administration Fund and may be expended for the general administration of taxes imposed by this chapter.

(b) All remaining tax collected under the provisions of this article after deducting the amount of any refunds lawfully paid shall be paid into the State Road Fund and used only for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of highways, matching of federal moneys available for highway purposes and payment of the interest and sinking fund obligations on state bonds issued for highway purposes: *Provided,* That taxes collected under the provisions of this article after deducting the amount of any refunds lawfully paid that are derived from off highway vehicle use shall be earmarked for use in the Division of Highways to pay for new mapping use, through its graphic information system (GIS), to totally identify all public roads, their condition, and types of the surface.

(c) Not less than monthly, beginning July 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Highways shall report to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance or its designated subcommittee on the amount of tax paid into the State Road Fund under subsection (b) of this section, any matching federal funds, and all expenditures therefrom.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require taxes collected from motor fuels that are used by off highway vehicles are to be used to map state roads using the graphic information system (GIS).

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