

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

## 2022 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

### Senate Bill 564

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NOTE

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[Introduced February 02, 2022; referred  
to the Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17-2A-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to  
 2 amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §20-1-12a, all relating to  
 3 mapping of public roads; requiring visual representations of the surface types and road  
 4 styles of public roads and highways; and requiring the Division of Natural Resources to  
 5 inventory and map certain forest roads with a legend as to any restrictions on the uses of  
 6 those roads.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

## **CHAPTER 17. ROADS AND HIGHWAYS.**

### **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 master road map shall indicate whether public roads are unpaved and unimproved,  
 9 unpaved and improved, unlined and paved, or lined and paved be capable of displaying or  
 10 indicating the type of roads or highways using the following classifications: (1) Primitive or  
 11 unimproved roads; (2) graded, drained, soil-, gravel-, or stone-surfaced roads; (3) paved, but  
 12 unpainted roads; (4) roads with a center line or more than two lanes; and (5) interstate highways.

13 The digital road map shall further indicate the types of vehicles that may use each road, including  
 14 full-size vehicles and off-highway vehicles, such as all-terrain vehicles, utility-terrain vehicles,  
 15 motorcycles and off-road vehicles.

## CHAPTER 20. NATURAL RESOURCES.

### ARTICLE 1. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

#### §20-1-12a. Inventory and mapping of all state forest roads.

- 1            (a) The Division of Natural Resources, before July 1, 2023, shall map and make available  
2 to the public a comprehensive inventory of forest roads that are state roads.
- 3            (b) The inventory shall meet both of the following requirements:
- 4            (1) Identify the location, condition, and surface type of the forest roads; and  
5            (2) Determine types of motorized and nonmotorized use currently restricted on each forest  
6 road segment and the seasons during which those uses are currently restricted.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to expand the mapping and depiction of public roads and highways in the state's inventory and to require the collection and promulgation of information about the types of uses of those roads.

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