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House Bill 2069

By Delegates Hanna, Brooks and Maynor

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A BILL to amend and reenact §17-16A-29 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to including emergency response vehicles in the single fee program for EZ Pass 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.

(a) The Parkways Authority is hereby authorized to create a discount program for purchasers of West Virginia EZ Pass transponders: *Provided*, That prior to the fixation of any initial rates, tolls or charges or any increase in any rates, tolls, or charges along any portion of the parkway project, the Parkways Authority may create a discount program for purchasers of West Virginia EZ Pass transponders. Any discount program created pursuant to this section shall provide discounts for each class of motor vehicles: *Provided,* *however,* That any single fee program implemented by the authority pursuant to §17-16A-6(a)(16) of this code shall apply only to passenger motor vehicles and emergency response vehicles certified by the State Fire Marshal or the Office of Emergency Services.

(b) The authority shall provide public notice and hold a public meeting on any proposed discount program as required in section thirteen-a of this article prior to implementation of such program.

(c) For purposes of this section, a "West Virginia EZ Pass transponder" means a device issued by the Parkways Authority which allows the purchaser to attach the device to his or her motor vehicle and travel through a Parkways Authority toll facility and be billed for such travel by 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.