

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

### House Bill 2965

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NOTE

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[Introduced January 24, 2023; Referred to the  
Committee on Political Subdivisions then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,  
 2 designated §16-15A-1, §16-15A-2, and §16-15A-3, all relating to the creation of the Tiny  
 3 Home Pilot Program.

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

**ARTICLE 15A. TINY HOME PILOT PROGRAM.**

**§16-15A-1. Legislative findings.**

1 The Legislature finds that an initiative aimed at diversifying the state's housing stock and  
 2 boosting affordability is of paramount importance for those who are in a halfway home, a senior  
 3 living home, or adults who age out of the foster care system. In an overheated housing market,  
 4 there is appeal to building smaller, "tiny" homes because it is cheaper and affordable for those who  
 5 are seeking housing. The creation of these tiny home communities through means of a pilot  
 6 program would benefit seniors, veterans, foster care adults, and low-income residents who have  
 7 previously had trouble finding stable housing.

**§16-15A-2. Establishment of program; funding.**

1 (a) There is hereby established a Tiny Home Pilot Program. Funding for the program shall  
 2 be allocated from the General Revenue fund of the Legislature.

3 (b) The program shall consist of 15 tiny homes per community and shall be constructed in  
 4 four communities at the outset of the program – Charleston, Huntington, Wheeling, and  
 5 Morgantown – with the ability for the program to be expanded, should the program show success  
 6 in these areas.

7 (c) Applicants for the pilot program shall show a need, and be in at-risk category, such as  
 8 those in a halfway home, a senior living home, or adults who age out of the foster care system. The  
 9 West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources shall be responsible for reviewing  
 10 applications.

**§16-15A-3. Effective date.**

1 This article shall become effective July 1, 2023.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish the Tiny Home Pilot Program.

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