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House Bill 5323

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17-22-4a, relating to prohibiting inaccurate signage; and providing for penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS.

§17-22-4a. Inaccurate signage prohibited; penalties.

(a) *Legislative findings*. – The Legislature finds that on a frequent basis, commercial business parks and/or industrial parks have placed signage near the interstates in this state indicating that the park is adjacent to the interstate. When truck drivers attempt to deliver to these locations, the drivers realize that the parks are not close to the interstate, causing traffic issues or delivery issues.

(b) *Enactment and penalty*. – The Division of Highways shall impose a $100 per year penalty for inaccurate signage posted on interstates for industrial and commercial/business parks that are not adjacent to the interstate exits. The maximum distance for signage to be permitted is one mile or less from the interstate. Signage indicating the location of the commercial business park and/or industrial park that is beyond this distance shall be removed or shall be subject to the penalty set forth in this subsection.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit inaccurate signage along interstates. The bill provides for a penalty.

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