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House Bill 5323

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NOTE

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Committee on Technology and Infrastructure]

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS.

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

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

6 (b) Enactment and penalty. – The Division of Highways shall impose a \$100 per year
 7 penalty for inaccurate signage posted on interstates for industrial and commercial/business parks
 8 that are not adjacent to the interstate exits. The maximum distance for signage to be permitted is
 9 one mile or less from the interstate. Signage indicating the location of the commercial business
 10 park and/or industrial park that is beyond this distance shall be removed or shall be subject to the
 11 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.