

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2024 REGULAR SESSION

SECOND ENGROSSMENT

House Bill 5549

By Delegate Linville

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Committee on Technology and Infrastructure]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §15A-4-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to allowing license plates to be obtained from alternative sources when the Division of
3 Corrections and Rehabilitation is unable to produce them.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 4. CORRECTIONS MANAGEMENT.

§15A-4-15. Manufacture of license plates, ~~road signs or markers~~; securing signs and markers when federal government reimburses state for cost thereof.

1 For the purpose of obtaining license plates to be used upon motor vehicles licensed for
2 operation in this state and road signs or markers of any description for state roads, the
3 commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered on behalf of the state, to establish and
4 operate a plant for the manufacture of the license plates and road signs or markers in his or her
5 institution.

6 ~~It shall be unlawful for any state official or employee to manufacture or obtain the license~~
7 ~~plates, road signs, or markers otherwise than as herein specified: *Provided*, That the~~
8 ~~Commissioner of Highways may originally secure road signs or markers from sources other than~~
9 ~~that provided herein~~ The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may secure license plates from
10 alternative sources if the division is unable to provide a six-month supply of said plates based on a
11 shortage of resources, labor, or other circumstance beyond the control of the division.