

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

### **Introduced**

## **House Bill 2643**

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Ellington, Brooks, Ridenour, and Butler

[Introduced February 20, 2025; referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Public Works then  
Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
2 designated §17-16A-31, relating to providing guidelines for the West Virginia Parkways  
3 Authority to cease tolls on the West Virginia Turnpike upon completion of all bond  
4 payments.

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

## **ARTICLE 16A. WEST VIRGINIA PARKWAYS AUTHORITY.**

### **§17-16A-31. Cessation of tolls.**

1 (a) Except as provided in this section, when all bonds issued under the provisions of this  
2 article in connection with any parkway project or projects and the interest on those bonds have  
3 been paid or a sufficient amount for the payment of those bonds and the interest on them to their  
4 maturity has been set aside in trust for the benefit of the bondholders, the project or projects, if  
5 then in good condition and repair to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of the state Division of  
6 Highways, shall be transferred to the state Division of Highways and shall thereafter be maintained  
7 by the state Division of Highways free of tolls.  
8 (b) Within 90 days of the final payment on all bonds authorized by this article, the Parkways  
9 Authority, or its successors, shall discontinue toll collection on the West Virginia Turnpike, all tolls  
10 shall be discontinued, and the associated toll facilities shall be removed.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to cease tolls on the West Virginia Turnpike upon completion of all bond payments.

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