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Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 2960

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[Passed April 11, 2025; in effect 90 days from
passage (July 10, 2025)]

1 AN ACT to amend the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article,
2 designated §17-9-1, relating to a pilot program for snow removal; stating legislative
3 findings; establishing a priority schedule for state routes in regard to snow removal;
4 requiring requests for proposals for multiple vendors to provide snow removal; establishing
5 a time limit on the pilot program; providing that the Division of Highways has sole discretion
6 in identifying the specific roads requiring maintenance under this pilot program;
7 establishing liability; and providing for cancellation of snow removal contracts for cause.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 9. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO STATE ROADS.

§17-9-1. Snow removal pilot program.

1 (a) The Legislature finds that snow removal in the state – particularly on secondary roads
2 in Monongalia County and Preston County – has not been dependable, thereby providing a
3 hardship on the citizens of West Virginia.

4 (b) The Division of Highways shall provide snow removal for all 55 counties of the State
5 of West Virginia, with roads being prioritized into four categories:

6 (1) Priority One Routes: Interstate, Expressway, National Highway System, and all other
7 United States and West Virginia routes with some Priority One routes also including high-traffic
8 county routes;

9 (2) Priority Two Routes: All other school bus routes that are not considered Priority One;

10 (3) Priority Three Routes: Remaining routes, not including park and forest routes; and

11 (4) Priority Four Routes: Park and forest routes.

12 (c) The Division of Highways shall establish a two-year pilot program to issue Requests
13 for Proposals for multiple vendors to provide snow removal for West Virginia Division of Highways
14 District Four's secondary roads in Monongalia County and Preston County.

15 (d) The Division of Highways shall have sole discretion in identifying the specific roads
16 requiring maintenance under this pilot program.

17 (e) No vendor employed to remove snow and ice from the secondary roads in Monongalia
18 County and Preston County shall be afforded immunity from legal liability owing to any damage it
19 may cause.

20 (f) The Commissioner of the Division of Highways may terminate any contract related to
21 snow removal with 30 days' notice for cause.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby
certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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Clerk of the Senate

Originated in the House of Delegates.

In effect 90 days from passage.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Day of, 2025.

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Governor