

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 5549

By Delegate Linville

[Introduced February 9, 2024; Referred to the
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, road signs, or markers to be obtained from alternative sources
3 when the Division of 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 or markers
10 from alternative sources when necessary to maintain a reasonable supply when the division is
11 unable to produce an adequate supply based on a shortage of resources, labor, or other
12 circumstance beyond the control of the division.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prevent a lack of availability of license plates and other signs due to a temporary inability of the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation to manufacture them.

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