

1 **H. B. 2007**

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3 (By Delegates Canterbury and T. Campbell)  
4 [Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the  
5 Committee on Political Subdivisions then the Judiciary.]  
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10 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
11 adding thereto a new section, designated §7-1-16, relating to  
12 authorizing counties to create urban growth boundaries;  
13 definition; and providing for implementation of zoning within  
14 these boundaries.

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

16 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended,  
17 by adding thereto a new section, designated §7-1-16, to read as  
18 follows:

19 **ARTICLE 1. COUNTY COMMISSIONS GENERALLY.**

20 **§7-1-16. Authority to designate urban growth boundaries;**  
21 **implementation of zoning within urban growth**  
22 **boundaries.**

23 In addition to all other powers now conferred by law upon

1 county commissions, the commissions may establish urban growth  
2 boundaries and may implement zoning requirements only within the  
3 urban growth boundaries.

4 For the purposes of this section, the term "urban growth  
5 boundary" means a regional boundary set to control urban growth  
6 allowing the area inside the boundary for higher density urban  
7 growth and the area outside for lower density growth development  
8 with regard to water and sewer services. It includes the use by  
9 county commissions to guide zoning and land use decisions inside  
10 and outside the boundaries.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize county commissions to create urban growth boundaries. The bill provides a definition of "Urban Growth Boundary" and provides for implementation of zoning within these boundaries.

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