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(By Delegates Doyle and Hatfield)

[Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the

Committee on Energy, Industry and Labor, Economic
Development and Small Business then the Judiciary.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §24-2-1k, relating to the Public Service Commission; and authorizing incentives for energy conversation by electric utilities through installation of voltage regulation devices.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §24-2-1k, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

§24-2-1k. Incentives for energy conversation through voltage regulation.

(a) For purposes of this section, "voltage regulation device"

1 means voltage regulation technologies which raise or lower voltage
2 dynamically and are ninety-nine percent or more efficient across at
3 least ninety percent of the electric load curve.

4 (b) Electric utilities may recover the capital and operating
5 costs and earn a fifteen percent rate of return in the utility's
6 rate bases on investments and installations of voltage regulation
7 devices.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize electric utilities to install voltage regulation devices for energy conservation and to recover the capital and operating costs, together with a fifteen percent rate of return on investments and installation of the devices.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.