

1 **H. B. 2176**

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3 (By Delegates Sumner and Frazier)

4 [Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the

5 Committee on Roads and Transportation then Finance.]

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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §17-16A-18 of the Code of West

11 Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to terminating tolls on

12 the West Virginia Turnpike before 2020.

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

14 That §17-16A-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as

15 amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

16 **ARTICLE 16A. WEST VIRGINIA PARKWAYS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND**

17 **TOURISM AUTHORITY.**

18 **§17-16A-18. Cessation of tolls.**

19 (a) Except as provided ~~herein~~ in this section, when all bonds

20 issued under the provisions of this article in connection with any

21 parkway project or projects and the interest ~~thereon shall~~ on those

22 bonds have been paid or a sufficient amount for the payment of ~~all~~

23 ~~such~~ those bonds and the interest ~~thereon~~ on them to ~~the~~ their

1 maturity ~~thereof shall have~~ has been set aside in trust for the
2 benefit of the bondholders, before the year 2020, ~~such the~~ project
3 or projects, if then in good condition and repair to the
4 satisfaction of the Commissioner of the State Division of Highways,
5 shall be transferred to the State Division of Highways and shall
6 thereafter be maintained by the State Division of Highways free of
7 tolls.

8 (b) ~~No later than the first day of February, one thousand nine~~
9 ~~hundred ninety~~ Before February 1, 2020, the parkways authority or
10 its successors shall discontinue, remove and not relocate all toll
11 collection facilities on the West Virginia Turnpike as ~~the same~~ it
12 existed on June 1, 1989, except for ~~the three main toll barriers~~
13 ~~and collection facilities and,~~ provided solely that the provisions
14 of section eighteen-a ~~are complied with,~~ of this article as they
15 apply to the toll collection facilities at the intersection of U.S.
16 Route 19 (Corridor "L") and ~~said the~~ turnpike unless bonds issued
17 in connection with that project and the interest on those bonds
18 have been paid, in which case, tolls shall discontinue and those
19 toll facilities shall be removed.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to discontinue tolls on the West Virginia Turnpike by 2020.

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