1	Senate Bill No. 567
2	(By Senators Snyder and McCabe)
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4	[Introduced February 21, 2011; referred to the Committee on
5	Government Organization; and then to the Committee on the
6	Judiciary.]
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11	A BILL to amend and reenact §8A-6-3 of the Code of West Virginia,
12	1931, as amended, relating to establishing a planning
13	commission's rights and obligations when a developer has filed
14	for bankruptcy and the development has not been completed.
15	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
16	That §8A-6-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
17	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
18	ARTICLE 6. METHODS OF SECURITY.
19	§8A-6-3. Enforcement and guarantees.
20	(a) The planning commission is vested with all the necessary
21	authority to administer and enforce conditions attached to the
22	final plat approved for a development project, including, but not
23	limited to, the authority to:
24	(1) Order, in writing, the remedy for any noncompliance with

- 1 the conditions;
- 2 (2) Bring legal action to ensure compliance with the
- 3 conditions, including injunction, abatement, or other appropriate
- 4 action or proceeding; and
- 5 (3) Require a quarantee satisfactory to the planning
- 6 commission in an amount sufficient for and conditioned upon the
- 7 construction of any physical improvements required by the
- 8 conditions, or a contract for the construction of the improvements
- 9 and the contractor's guarantee, in like amount and so conditioned,
- 10 which guarantee shall be reduced or released by the planning
- 11 commission upon the submission of satisfactory evidence that
- 12 construction of the improvements has been completed in whole or in
- 13 part;
- 14 (4) Provide for demand or call of a guarantee upon the
- 15 bankruptcy of the principal however designated on any bond, letter
- 16 of credit or other form of quarantee required by the governing
- 17 body;
- 18 (5) Provide that upon the declarant's bankruptcy or other
- 19 default resulting in a halt in the progress of the subdivision any
- 20 allocation of common property described in the declaration shall be
- 21 <u>allocated in any deed convened by the declarant or any successor to</u>
- 22 the declarant including banks, bankruptcy trustees, assigns, heirs,
- 23 representatives or agents. In all these cases, the planning
- 24 commission, or its staff, shall review each subsequent deed of

- 1 conveyance and shall append its letter of approval to such deed
- 2 prior to its recordation at the office of the clerk of the county
- 3 commission; and
- 4 (6) Provide that a declarant, upon collection of homeowners'
- 5 annual dues, fees and assessments, shall deposit the same in his or
- 6 her bank, into an account held in trust in the name of the subject
- 7 subdivision homeowners' association and payable by signature of the
- 8 declarant. Copies of all bank statements with regard to this trust
- 9 account shall be made available by the declarant to each homeowner
- 10 upon request. Declarant must designate the bank to hold such trust
- 11 account and must notify the planning commission, in writing, of the
- 12 designation.
- The planning commission shall further provide that upon the
- 14 declarant's bankruptcy or abandonment of the subdivision
- 15 development, evidenced by twelve consecutive months of nonbuilding
- 16 activity at the site, the planning commission shall, by operation
- 17 of law, transfer the responsibilities of its homeowners' association
- 18 to such duly organized association and homeowners' association. The
- 19 order delivered to the declarant's bank shall be acted upon by the
- 20 bank within fifteen days. Proof of transfer of such funds to the
- 21 homeowners' association shall be submitted to the planning
- 22 commission by the bank. Such submission of proof shall act as a
- 23 <u>full release to the bank: Provided, That no such transfer shall be</u>
- 24 effected if the declarant has transferred his or her special rights

- 1 as set forth in subsections (c) and (d), section one hundred four,
- 2 article three, chapter thirty-six-b of this code.
- 3 (b) Failure to meet all conditions attached to the final plat
- 4 approved for a development project shall constitute cause to deny
- 5 the issuance of any of the required use, occupancy or improvement
- 6 location permits, as may be appropriate.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish a planning commission's rights and obligations when a developer has filed for bankruptcy and has not completed the development.

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