

H. B. 2476

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Committee on Government Organization then Finance.]

**FISCAL
NOTE**

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
adding thereto a new section, designated §5-6-17, relating to
public buildings and encouraging public officials to
prominently display the national motto on all public property,
public buildings and all buildings designed, constructed and
maintained with public funds from the state, a county or a
municipality.

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 §5-6-17, to read as
follows:

ARTICLE 6. STATE BUILDING COMMISSION.

§5-6-17. Display of the national motto.

The Legislature finds and declares that the national motto
should be prominently displayed on public property and in public

1 buildings in honor of this country's heritage. Therefore, the
2 governing authority of any public property, public buildings and
3 any building, designed, constructed and maintained with public
4 funds from the state, a county or a municipality is encouraged to
5 prominently display on such property or building, the American
6 national motto, "In God We Trust."

7 The State Building Commission shall develop guidelines for the
8 display and the commission may provide, at its cost, an appropriate
9 display of the national motto to any agency of state, county or
10 municipal government requesting it.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to encourage public officials to prominently display the national motto on all public property, public buildings and all buildings designed, constructed and maintained with public funds from the state, a county or a municipality.

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