

H. B. 2924

(By Delegate Canterbury)
[Introduced March 13, 2013; referred to the
Committee on Political Subdivisions then the Judiciary.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
adding thereto a new section, designated §7-1-16, relating to
authorizing counties to create urban growth boundaries;
definition; and providing for implementation of zoning within
these boundaries.

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 §7-1-16, to read as
follows:

ARTICLE 1. COUNTY COMMISSIONS GENERALLY.

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

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.