1 H. B. 3025 2 3 (By Delegate Ireland) [Introduced March 21, 2013; referred to the 4 5 Committee on Roads and Transportation then the 6 Judiciary.] 7 8 9 10 A BILL to amend and reenact \$17C-3-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 11 1931, as amended, relating to illuminated flashing yellow 12 signals; providing that on four lane highways when flashing 13 yellow signals are used to indicate that there is a traffic 14 signal ahead, the yellow light may only flash when the traffic signal is about to turn from yellow to red; and requiring, in 15 16 that instance, a sign to be erected informing motorists that 17 when it is flashing they should be prepared to stop. 18 Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia: 19 That \$17C-3-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, 20 be amended and reenacted to read as follows: 21 ARTICLE 3. TRAFFIC SIGNS, SIGNALS AND MARKINGS. 22 \$17C-3-7. Flashing signals.

Whenever an illuminated flashing red or yellow signal is used

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- 1 in a traffic sign or signal it shall require obedience by vehicular
 2 traffic as follows:
- 3 (1) Flashing red (stop signal). -- When a red lens is 4 illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles 5 shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection 6 or at a limit line when marked, or, if none, then before entering 7 the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the 8 rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.
- 9 (2) Flashing yellow (caution signal). -- When a yellow lens is
 10 illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles
 11 may proceed through the intersection or past such signal only with
 12 caution. However, where that flashing yellow caution signals are
 13 used to provide notice to drivers on four-lane divided highways
 14 that they are approaching a traffic signal, these lights may flash
 15 only when that traffic signal is actually preparing to go to a red
 16 or yellow signal. In that instance, a flashing yellow caution
 17 signal shall be marked with a sign notifying drivers that when the
 18 signal is flashing motorists should be prepared to stop.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide that on four lane highways when flashing yellow signals are used to indicate that there is traffic signal ahead the yellow light may only flash when the traffic signal is about to turn from yellow to red. The bill provides in that instance a sign shall be erected informing motorists that when it is flashing they should be prepared to stop.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from

the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.