

**H. B. 4328**

(By Delegate Perdue (By Request))  
[Introduced January 24, 2014; referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
adding thereto a new section, designated §24-2-19, relating to  
the Public Service Commission requiring electric utilities to  
reimburse customers for expenses incurred resulting from  
outages caused by lack of appropriate line and easement  
maintenance.

*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 §24-2-19, to read as  
follows:

**ARTICLE 2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.**

**§24-2-19. Lack of appropriate line and easement maintenance;  
reimbursement required.**

When the commission determines an electric outage was caused

1 by lack of appropriate line and easement maintenance it shall  
2 require the electric utility to reimburse customers for expenses  
3 incurred resulting from the outage.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require electric companies to reimburse customers for expenses incurred as a result of outages caused by lack of appropriate line and easement maintenance.

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