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**H. B. 2212**

(By Mr. Speaker, (Mr. Armstead) and Delegate Miley))

[By Request of the Executive]

[Introduced January 22, 2015; referred to the  
Committee on Finance.]

A BILL to amend and reenact §31-15A-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to dedication of severance tax proceeds to the West Virginia Infrastructure General Obligation Debt Service Fund; specifying reduction of the amount of severance tax proceeds dedicated to the West Virginia Infrastructure General Obligation Debt Service Fund.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §31-15A-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 15A. WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE AND JOBS DEVELOPMENT  
COUNCIL.**

**§31-15A-16. Dedication of severance tax proceeds.**

(a) There shall be dedicated an annual amount from the collections of the tax collected pursuant to article thirteen-a, chapter eleven of this code for the construction, extension, expansion, rehabilitation, repair and improvement of water supply and sewage treatment systems and for the

1 acquisition, preparation, construction and improvement of sites for economic development in this  
2 state as provided in this article.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the contrary, beginning on July 1,  
4 1995, the first \$16 million of the tax collected pursuant to article thirteen-a, chapter eleven of this  
5 code shall be deposited to the credit of the West Virginia Infrastructure General Obligation Debt  
6 Service Fund created pursuant to section three, article fifteen-b of this chapter: *Provided*, That  
7 beginning on July 1, 1998, the first \$24 million of the tax annually collected pursuant to article  
8 thirteen-a of this code shall be deposited to the credit of the West Virginia Infrastructure General  
9 Obligation Debt Service Fund created pursuant to section three, article fifteen-b of this chapter:  
10 *Provided, however*, That subject to the conditions, limitations, exclusions and constraints prescribed  
11 by subsection (c) of this section, beginning on July 1, 2013, the amount deposited under this  
12 subsection to the credit of the West Virginia Infrastructure General Obligation Debt Service Fund  
13 created pursuant to section three, article fifteen-b of this chapter shall be the first \$23 million of the  
14 tax annually collected pursuant to article thirteen-a, chapter eleven of this code: *Provided further*,  
15 That subject to the conditions, limitations, exclusions and constraints prescribed by subsection (c)  
16 of this section, beginning on July 1, 2015, the amount deposited under this subsection to the credit  
17 of the West Virginia Infrastructure General Obligation Debt Service Fund created pursuant to section  
18 three, article fifteen-b of this chapter shall be the first \$22.5 million of the tax annually collected  
19 pursuant to article thirteen-a, chapter eleven of this code.

20 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (b) of this section to the contrary: (1) None  
21 of the collections from the tax imposed pursuant to section six, article thirteen-a, chapter eleven of  
22 this code shall be so dedicated or deposited; and (2) the portion of the tax imposed by article

1 thirteen-a, chapter eleven and dedicated for purposes of Medicaid and the Division of Forestry  
2 pursuant to section twenty-a of said article thirteen-a shall remain dedicated for the purposes set forth  
3 in that section twenty-a.

4 (d) On or before May 1 of each year, commencing May 1, 1995, the council, by resolution,  
5 shall certify to the Treasurer and the Water Development Authority the principal and interest  
6 coverage ratio and amount for the following fiscal year on any infrastructure general obligation  
7 bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of article fifteen-b of this chapter.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to change the amount of severance tax revenue annually dedicated to the West Virginia Infrastructure General Obligation Debt Service Fund from \$23 million to \$22.5 million.

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