

H. B. 2677

(By Delegate Hamrick)

[Introduced February 10, 2015; referred to the
Committee on Roads and Transportation then the Judiciary.]

A BILL to amend of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §4-1-24, relating to creating a legislative commission to study the feasibility of the state entering into sponsorship agreements for transportation structures, including naming rights of bridges, overpasses, rest areas, roads to private businesses and exits.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §4-1-24, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES; APPROPRIATIONS;
INVESTIGATIONS; DISPLAY OF FLAGS; RECORDS; USE OF
CAPITOL BUILDING; PREFILING OF BILLS AND
RESOLUTIONS; STANDING COMMITTEES; INTERIM MEETINGS;
NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.**

§4-1-24. Commission to study feasibility of sponsorship agreements of transportation

1 **structures.**

2 (a) There is established a commission to study the feasibility of the state entering into
3 sponsorship agreements including naming rights of certain transportation structures.

4 (b) The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall appoint four members of the House of
5 Delegates to the commission and designate a cochair from those members. The President of the
6 Senate shall appoint four members of the Senate, to the commission and designate a cochair from
7 those members. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation, or designee, shall attend all
8 meetings of the commission and assist the commission in its study.

9 (c) Members of the commission are entitled to compensation and expense reimbursement
10 as provided in article two-a of this chapter.

11 (d) The commission shall study the feasibility of the state entering into sponsorship
12 agreements for transportation structures, including naming rights of bridges, overpasses, rest areas,
13 roads to private businesses and exits. The commission shall:

14 (1) Consider the process for naming structures in other states;

15 (2) Determine if legislation is necessary to authorize the process in this state;

16 (3) Consider federal regulations related to naming rights for transportation structures, if any;

17 (4) Estimate potential revenue from the sale or lease of the naming rights; and

18 (5) Prepare draft legislation, if needed, to implement its recommendations.

19 (e) The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
20 legislation to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance before December 1, 2015.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a legislative commission to study the feasibility of the state entering into sponsorship agreements for transportation structures, including naming rights of bridges, overpasses, rest areas, roads to private businesses and exits.

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