

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2016 REGULAR SESSION

Enrolled

Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 592

BY SENATOR HALL, *original sponsor*

[Passed March 8, 2016; in effect 90 days from
passage]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §24B-5-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 the method of calculating the amount of special license fees paid by pipeline companies
3 to the Public Service Commission.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §24B-5-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and
2 reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. EMPLOYEES OF COMMISSION; FUNDING.

§24B-5-3. Funding; property and revenue license fees.

3 (a) Every pipeline company shall pay a special license fee in addition to those now
4 required by law. The amount of such fees shall be fixed by the Public Service Commission and
5 levied by it annually on each pipeline company at a rate of \$18.60 per mile of three-inch equivalent
6 pipeline included in a company's pipeline facilities. The calculation of a company's number of
7 miles of three-inch equivalent pipeline for the purposes of assessing fees shall be determined on
8 the basis of the pipeline company's reports submitted to the commission in such form as the
9 commission may prescribe. All fees assessed pursuant to this section shall be paid on or before
10 July 1 in each year.

11 (b) Such sums collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be paid into the State
12 Treasury and kept as a special fund, designated the Public Service Commission Pipeline Safety
13 Fund, to be appropriated as provided by law for the purpose of paying the salaries, compensation,
14 costs and expenses of its employees to the extent of the employees' direct involvement in the
15 enforcement of the provisions of this article. Any balance in said fund at the end of any fiscal year
16 shall not revert to the Treasury, but shall remain in said fund and may be appropriated as provided
17 in this subsection. All funds which heretofore were in the Public Service Commission Gas Pipeline
18 Safety Fund shall be transferred to the Public Service Commission Pipeline Safety Fund