

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2016 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4530**

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[Introduced February 12, 2016; Referred  
to the Committee on Roads and Transportation then  
the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
2 designated §24A-2-7, relating to exempting taxicab companies whose drivers are  
3 independent contractors, from providing workers' compensation coverage for the drivers.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new  
2 section, designated §24A-2-7, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 2. COMMON CARRIERS BY MOTOR VEHICLES.**

**§24A-2-7. Workers' compensation coverage.**

1 A taxicab company operating under this chapter is not required to provide workers'  
2 compensation coverage to a driver who provides taxicab service pursuant to a written or electronic  
3 agreement that identifies the taxicab driver as an independent contractor.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to exempt taxicab companies, whose drivers are independent contractors, from providing workers' compensation coverage for the drivers.

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