

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 343

BY SENATOR BEACH

[Originating in the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure; reported on March 1, 2017]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto two new
2 sections, designated §17-29-15a and §17-29-15b, all relating to transportation network
3 companies; prohibiting solicitation of rides; prohibiting occupation of designated taxi
4 stands; permitting county commissions to require transportation network company drivers
5 register annually with the local county commission; specifying maximum registration and
6 renewal fees; requiring posting of permits; and providing criminal penalties and fines.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto two
2 new sections, designated §17-29-15a and §17-29-15b, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 29. TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES.

§17-29-15a. Solicitation and taxi stand occupation prohibited.

- 1 (a) A transportation network company driver may not solicit rides from potential customers.
2 (b) A transportation network company driver may not occupy a designated taxi stand.
3 (c) Any person who violates subsection (a) or (b) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor
4 and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for a second offense,
5 and \$500 for a third or subsequent offense.

§17-29-15b. Registration with county commission.

- 1 (a) A county commission may, at its discretion, require transportation network company
2 drivers who work in its county to register annually. Original registration fees may not exceed \$10.
3 Renewal fees may not exceed \$5. The county commission shall provide a written permit for each
4 applicant who paid the requisite fee and presents his or her valid driver's license for identification.
5 The annual renewal is the responsibility of the transportation network company driver.
6 (b) When operating in a county that requires a permit, a transportation network company
7 driver must post a valid permit issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section for view by all
8 riders when the vehicle is being used to provide a prearranged ride.
9 (c) Any person who violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and,

- 10 upon conviction thereof, shall be fined \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for a second offense, and
11 \$500 for a third or subsequent offense.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit transportation network company drivers from soliciting rides or occupying designated taxi stands; to require such drivers to register annually with the local county commission at the commission's discretion; and to provide criminal penalties.

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