

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

## 2017 REGULAR SESSION

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2041**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

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[ Introduced February 8, 2017; Referred  
to the Committee on Roads and Transportation then  
Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17-16A-29 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
 2 relating to providing a discount program for certain workers and students who purchase  
 3 West Virginia EZ Pass transponders.

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

1 That §17-16A-29 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and  
 2 reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 16A. WEST VIRGINIA PARKWAYS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
 TOURISM AUTHORITY.**

**§17-16A-29. Discount program for purchasers of West Virginia EZ Pass transponders.**

1 (a) The Parkways Authority is hereby authorized to create a discount program for  
 2 purchasers of West Virginia EZ Pass transponders: *Provided*, That prior to the fixation of any  
 3 initial rates, tolls or charges or any increase in any rates, tolls or charges along any portion of the  
 4 parkway project, the Parkways Authority shall create a discount program for purchasers of West  
 5 Virginia EZ Pass transponders. Any discount program created pursuant to this section shall  
 6 provide discounts for each class of motor vehicles.

7 (b) The Parkways Authority is hereby authorized to create a discount program for the  
 8 following purchasers of West Virginia EZ Pass transponders:

9 (1) Each worker regularly traveling at least three times a week between his or her home  
 10 and a single work site, in or out of the state.

11 (2) Each student enrolled in college and regularly traveling at least three times a week  
 12 between home and college classes in or out of the state.

13 The discount program shall be 10 cents per station.

14 ~~(b)~~ (c) The authority shall provide public notice and hold public hearings on any proposed  
 15 discount program as required in section thirteen-a of this article prior to implementation of such  
 16 program the programs.

17           ~~(e)~~ (d) Annually, the Parkways Authority shall hold at least one public informational session  
18 in each of the following counties: Kanawha, Fayette, Raleigh and Mercer counties. The authority  
19 is to distribute educational materials and other information concerning the discount program for  
20 purchasers of West Virginia EZ Pass transponders described in this section.

21           ~~(d)~~ (e) Upon the effective date of the amendments to this section enacted during the  
22 regular session of the Legislature in the year 2010, the authority shall make available West  
23 Virginia EZ Pass transponders to the public without the payment of any monetary security deposit.  
24 The authority shall credit any individual that has paid a security deposit for a West Virginia EZ  
25 Pass transponder prior to July 1, 2010, on the individual's next billing statement.

26           ~~(e)~~ (f) For purposes of this section, a "West Virginia EZ Pass transponder" means a device  
27 sold by the Parkways Authority which allows the purchaser to attach the device to his or her motor  
28 vehicle and travel through a Parkways toll facility and be billed for such travel by the authority.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide a discount program for certain workers and students who purchase West Virginia EZ Pass transponders.

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