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House Bill 2802

FISCAL
NOTE

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[Introduced March 6, 2017; referred
to the Committee on Roads and Transportation then
the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17A-6-25 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to permitting inspectors working within the Division of Dealer Services of the Division of
 3 Motor Vehicles to carry a concealed weapon on duty.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §17A-6-25 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and
 2 reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 6. LICENSING OF DEALERS AND WRECKERS OR DISMANTLERS;
 SPECIAL PLATES; TEMPORARY PLATES OR MARKERS.**

**§17A-6-25. Inspections; authorizing inspectors carry a concealed weapon; violations and
 penalties.**

1 (a) The commissioner and all law-enforcement officers of the state, acting at the
 2 commissioner's request, are hereby authorized to inspect the place of business, vehicles and
 3 pertinent records, documents and papers of any person required to be licensed under the
 4 provisions of this article to the extent deemed reasonably necessary to determine compliance
 5 with and violations of this article. For the purpose of making any such inspection, the
 6 commissioner and such law-enforcement officers are authorized, at reasonable times, to enter in
 7 and upon any such place of business and any other public garage or enclosure where vehicles
 8 are sold, stored, hired or repaired.

9 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, inspectors working for the
 10 Division of Dealer Services within the Division of Motor Vehicles may carry a concealed weapon
 11 while on duty: *Provided*, That inspectors possess a valid concealed weapons permit pursuant to
 12 section four, article seven, chapter sixty-one of this code.

13 ~~(b)~~ (c) Any person who shall violate any provision of this article or any final order of the
 14 commissioner or board hereunder shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, the provisions of article
 15 eleven of this chapter governing violations of this chapter generally shall be fully applicable

16 thereto.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit inspectors working within the Division of Dealer Services of the Division of Motor Vehicles to carry a concealed weapon on duty.

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