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1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §17-2A-24, relating to requiring the Commissioner of Highways to develop a
 3 state hotline for travelers to identify road hazards; and requiring the Commissioner of
 4 Highways to develop a communications plan to disseminate to the public information
 5 about known emergency, life threatening road hazards.

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 §17-2A-24, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2A. WEST VIRGINIA COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS.

§17-2A-24. West Virginia Road Hazard Hotline.

1 (a) On or before October 1, 2017, the commissioner shall develop a hotline that would
 2 allow travelers to report hazards on the roadways to the Division of Highways. The hotline shall
 3 be accessible to travelers by phone, electronic texts and e-mails. The hotline shall be referred to
 4 as the “West Virginia Road Hazard Hotline.”

5 (b) *Emergency, life threatening hazards.* -- The commissioner shall develop a
 6 communications plan to have multimedia outlets communicate to the public that emergency, life
 7 threatening road hazards exist.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the Commissioner of Highways to develop a state hotline for travelers to identify road hazards; and to require the Commissioner of Highways to develop a communications plan to disseminate to the public information about known road hazards.

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