

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2017 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 3081**

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[Introduced March 14, 2017; Referred  
to the Committee on Roads and Transportation then  
Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §17-2A-25, relating to requiring the Secretary of the Department of  
 3 Transportation, in conjunction with the Commissioner of Highways and the Commissioner  
 4 of Motor Vehicles, to conduct a study to determine the amount of revenue to be derived  
 5 from instituting tolls on I-70 in West Virginia’s northern panhandle and I-81 in the eastern  
 6 panhandle; and providing that study be submitted no later than December 31, 2017.

*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-25, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 2A. WEST VIRGINIA COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS.**

**§17-2A-25. Toll study; submission date.**

1 (a) The Secretary of the Department of Transportation shall, in conjunction with the  
 2 Commissioner of Highways and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, conduct a study to  
 3 determine the amount of revenue to be derived from instituting tolls on I-70 in West Virginia’s  
 4 northern panhandle and I-81 in the eastern panhandle. The study shall include, but is not limited  
 5 to:

6 (1) Calculating the share of projected revenues that would be attributable to resident  
 7 drivers of the state and vehicles owned by those residents;

8 (2) Make revenue projections based upon at least three different average rates of toll, i.e.  
 9 \$2, \$5 and \$7, for all vehicles; and

10 (3) Evaluate whether West Virginians' share of the toll revenue could be increased by  
 11 providing an EZ-pass toll device to vehicles when they are subject to their annual state  
 12 inspections.

13 (b) The study shall be submitted to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2017.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the Secretary of the Department of

Transportation, in conjunction with the Commissioner of Highways and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, to conduct a study to determine the amount of revenue to be derived from instituting tolls on I-70 in West Virginia's northern panhandle and I-81 in the eastern panhandle. The bill provides that study be submitted no later than December 31, 2017.

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