

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Senate Bill 343

BY SENATOR BEACH

[Introduced February 17, 2017; Referred
to the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure; then to the Committee on Government
Organization; and then to the Committee on the
Judiciary]

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 prohibiting transportation
 3 network company drivers from soliciting rides or occupying designated cab stands;
 4 requiring such drivers to register annually with the local county commission at the
 5 commission’s discretion; and criminal penalties.

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 cab stand occupation prohibited.

1 (a) A transportation network company driver may not solicit rides from potential customers
 2 nor may he or she occupy a designated taxi cab stand.

3 (b) Violation of subsection (a) of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of
 4 \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for a second offense, 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 which permit must be posted for view by all riders when the vehicle is being used to
 5 provide a prearranged ride. The annual renewal is the responsibility of the transportation network
 6 company driver.

7 (b) Violation of subsection (a) of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$50
 8 for the first offense, \$100 for a second offense, and \$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 cab 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.