

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 375

BY SENATOR MAYNARD

[Introduced January 21, 2019; Referred
to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §29-1-15, relating to providing the Curator of Arts, Culture, and History with
 3 the authority to designate road as “Historic Route”; establishing rule-making authority; and
 4 mandatory collaboration with the Division of Highways to create and erect signs.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, CULTURE AND HISTORY.

§29-1-15. Naming Historic Routes.

1 (a) As a part of its mission to preserve the historical significance of sites throughout the
 2 state, the curator is authorized to undertake determinations as to whether any road that is a part
 3 of the United States Numbered Road System should be declared a “Historic Route”. The curator
 4 may propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq.
 5 of this code.

6 (b) Once a determination has been made to declare a road a “Historic Route”, the curator
 7 or his or her designee shall work collaboratively with the Division of Highways to create and erect
 8 signs to educate those travelling the road of its historical significance.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide the Curator of the Department of Arts, Culture and History with the authority to designate a road a “Historic Route”; establishing rule-making authority; and mandatory collaboration with Division of Highways to create and erect signs.

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