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House Bill 2355

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to the committee on Technology and Infrastructure
then the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-7-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to limiting the continuous operation of a vehicle in the left lane of a multilane roadway.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 7. DRIVING ON RIGHT SIDE OF ROADWAY, OVERTAKING AND PASSING, ETC.

§17C-7-6. Same -- Further limitations on driving to left of center of roadway; penalty.

1 (a) No vehicle shall at any time be driven to the left side of the roadway under the following
2 conditions:

3 (1) When approaching the crest of a grade or upon a curve in the highway where the
4 driver's view is obstructed within such distance as to create a hazard in the event another vehicle
5 might approach from the opposite direction;

6 (2) When approaching within one hundred feet of or traversing any intersection or railroad
7 grade crossing;

8 (3) When the view is obstructed upon approaching within one hundred feet of any bridge,
9 viaduct, or tunnel.

10 (b) The foregoing limitations shall not apply upon a one-way roadway.

11 (c) Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon
12 conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$100; upon a second conviction within one year
13 thereafter, shall be fined not more than \$200; and upon a third or subsequent conviction, shall be
14 fined not more than \$200.

15 (d) No vehicle shall be operated continuously in the left lane of a multilane roadway
16 whenever doing so would impede the flow of other traffic unless reasonable and prudent under
17 the conditions having regard to the actual and potentials hazards then existing.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to limit the continuous operation of a vehicle in the left lane of a multilane roadway.

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