

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 2233

By Delegate Toney

[Introduced January 11, 2023; Referred to the
Committee on Jails and Prisons then the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
2 making all inmates regardless of sex eligible to work on a state convict road force.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5. STATE CONVICT ROAD FORCE.

§17-5-1. State convict road force; how used.

1 All ~~male~~ persons convicted of a felony and, sentenced to imprisonment or confinement in
2 ~~the penitentiary~~ a correctional facility by any court, or who may hereafter be sentenced for a felony,
3 whether actually sentenced to labor or not, or so many thereof as may be required by the state
4 ~~road~~ highways commissioner, shall, as incident to such sentence or confinement, constitute the
5 state convict road force and as such may be employed under the supervision of the state ~~road~~
6 highways commissioner in building, surfacing and maintaining roads under the supervision of the
7 state ~~road~~ highways commissioner, including all roads in the state road system, and in and about
8 any quarries, gravel pits, sandbanks, crushers, brick kilns, or other plants and places operated by
9 the state ~~road commission~~ Division of Highways for the manufacture and acquisition of materials
10 for use in the construction, maintenance and repair of such roads.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to make all state inmates regardless of sex members of the state convict road force.

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