

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2024 REGULAR SESSION

Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 724

BY SENATOR CLEMENTS

[Originating in the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure; reported February 20, 2024]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §15A-4-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to allowing license plates, road signs, and markers to be obtained from sources other than
3 the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 4. CORRECTIONS MANAGEMENT.

§15A-4-15. Manufacture of license plates, road signs or markers; ~~securing signs and markers when federal government reimburses state for cost thereof.~~

1 ~~For the purpose of obtaining license plates to be used upon motor vehicles licensed for~~
2 ~~operation in this state and road signs or markers of any description for state roads, the~~
3 ~~commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered on behalf of the state, to establish and~~
4 ~~operate a plant for the manufacture of the license plates and road signs or markers in his or her~~
5 ~~institution.~~

6 ~~It shall be unlawful for any state official or employee to manufacture or obtain the license~~
7 ~~plates, road signs, or markers otherwise than as herein specified: *Provided*, That the~~
8 ~~Commissioner of Highways may originally secure road signs or markers from sources other than~~
9 ~~that provided herein.~~

10 (a) The commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered to establish and operate a
11 plant in his or her institution for the manufacture of road signs and markers of any description for
12 state roads and of license plates.

13 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall secure all license plates from the division:
14 *Provided*, That the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may secure license plates from alternative
15 sources if the division is unable to provide a six-month supply of license plates due to a shortage
16 of resources, labor, or other circumstance beyond the control of the division.

17 (c) The Commissioner of Highways may obtain road signs and markers of any description
18 for state roads from the division.