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(By Delegates Lawrence and Manchin)

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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §7-20-7a, relating to impact fees; providing legislative findings; requiring counties to have an affordable housing component in the county's impact fees ordinance; providing requirements for the affordable housing component; and requiring a vote by the county commission to increase or decrease impact fees.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §7-20-7a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 20. FEES AND EXPENDITURES FOR COUNTY DEVELOPMENT.

§7-20-7a. Impact fees for affordable housing.

- 1 (a) The Legislature finds that:
- 2 (1) There is a lack of affordable housing in counties that 3 impose impact fees because the cost of the fees along with 4 the economic conditions in those counties has resulted in low 5 and moderate income persons, persons on fixed incomes, the 6 elderly and persons with special needs, not being able to
- 7 obtain safe, decent and affordable housing;
- 8 (2) A lack of affordable housing affects the ability of a 9 community to develop and maintain strong and stable 10 economies, and impairs the health, stability and self-esteem 11 of individuals and families; and
- 12 (3) Financing affordable housing particularly in high growth counties is becoming increasingly difficult.
- For these reasons, it is in the public interest to encourage counties that have imposed impact fees and those considering the imposition of impact fees to fairly assess and discount impact fees so as not to limit safe, decent and affordable housing.
- (b) On or before July 1, 2012, a county imposing impact 19 20 fees shall enact an affordable housing component with a 21 discount impact fees schedule, based upon the new homes 22 value compared to the most recent annual single dwelling 23 residential housing index created in section two-b, article 24 one, chapter eleven of this code, to the county's impact fees 25 ordinance. The impact fees schedule shall be updated 26 annually to reflect the changes to the single dwelling 27 residential housing index.

- 28 (c) The affordable housing component shall:
- 29 (1) Take into account all the different types of housing,
- 30 including single family detached, single family attached,
- 31 duplex, town house, apartment, condominium and
- 32 manufactured home; and
- 33 (2) Include a discount for mobile homes, as defined in
- 34 section one, article one, chapter seventeen-a of this code,
- 35 based upon the value set out in the National Automobile
- 36 Dealers Association book.
- 37 (d) The county commission shall annually approve, by a
- 38 majority vote, any increase or decrease in the impact fees
- 39 schedule.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman, House Committee Chairman, Senate Committee Originating in the House. To take effect ninety days from passage. Clerk of the Senate Speaker of the House of Delegate ent of the Senate bursel this the Ct 2011. Sendil.

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