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Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 621

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[Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary;
reported on February 20, 2016.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §24A-2-7, relating to exempting taxicab companies whose drivers are
3 independent contractors from providing workers' compensation coverage for the drivers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
2 section, designated §24A-2-7, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. COMMON CARRIERS BY MOTOR VEHICLES.

§24A-2-7. Workers' compensation coverage.

1 A taxicab company operating under this chapter is not required to provide workers'
2 compensation coverage to a driver who provides taxicab service pursuant to a written or electronic
3 agreement that identifies the taxicab driver as an independent contractor and any such taxi driver
4 identified as an independent contractor pursuant to this section shall not be eligible for workers'
5 compensation benefits under chapter twenty-three of this code as an employee of the taxicab
6 company.