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House Bill 2343

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NOTE

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

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17A-6-25 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to permitting inspectors working within the Division of Dealer Services of the Division of
3 Motor Vehicles to carry a concealed weapon on duty.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 6. LICENSING OF DEALERS AND WRECKERS OR DISMANTLERS;
SPECIAL PLATES; TEMPORARY PLATES OR MARKERS.**

§17A-6-25. Inspections; authorizing inspectors carry a concealed weapon; violations and penalties.

1 (a) The commissioner and all law-enforcement officers of the state, acting at the
2 commissioner's request, are hereby authorized to inspect the place of business, vehicles and
3 pertinent records, documents and papers of any person required to be licensed under the
4 provisions of this article to the extent deemed reasonably necessary to determine compliance
5 with and violations of this article. For the purpose of making any such inspection, the
6 commissioner and such law-enforcement officers are authorized, at reasonable times, to enter in
7 and upon any such place of business and any other public garage or enclosure where vehicles
8 are sold, stored, hired or repaired.

9 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, inspectors working for the
10 Division of Dealer Services within the Division of Motor Vehicles may carry a concealed weapon
11 while on duty: *Provided*, That inspectors possess a valid concealed weapons permit pursuant to
12 §61-7-4 of this code.

13 ~~(b)~~ (c) Any person who shall violate any provision of this article or any final order of the
14 commissioner or board hereunder shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, the provisions of §17A-
15 11-1 *et seq.* of this code governing violations of this chapter generally shall be fully applicable
16 thereto.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit inspectors working within the Division of Dealer Services of the Division of Motor Vehicles to carry a concealed weapon on duty.

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