

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Senate Bill 800

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[Introduced February 17, 2020; referred
to the Committee on Economic Development]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §31G-4-5a, relating to authorizing electric utilities to construct and operate a
3 project within the electric utility distribution system.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 4. MAKE-READY POLE ACCESS.

§31G-4-5a. Electric power utilities providing broadband services.

1 An electric utility may construct and operate a broadband infrastructure expansion project
2 utilizing the electric utility distribution system and rights-of-way. This service is added to the list of
3 an electric utility's statutory "powers".

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize electric utilities to construct and operate a project within the electric utility distribution system.

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