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House Bill 2754

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NOTE

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Committee on Health and Human Resources then the
Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §17C-14-16, relating to prohibiting smoking in an enclosed motor vehicle when
 3 a child under the age of eight is present; penalty.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 14. MISCELLANEOUS RULES.

§17C-14-16. Smoking in a motor vehicle in presence of a child.

1 (a) For the purposes of this section, "smoke" means to carry or hold any lighted pipe, cigar,
 2 or cigarette of any kind or any other lighted smoking equipment or to light or inhale or exhale
 3 smoke from a pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind or any other lighted smoking equipment.

4 (b) It is unlawful for a person to smoke in an enclosed motor vehicle, whether in motion or
 5 at rest when a minor under the age of eight is present in the motor vehicle. Any person who
 6 violates the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than \$25. Enforcement of this section
 7 shall be accomplished only as a secondary action when a driver of a motor vehicle has been
 8 detained for probable cause of violating another section of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit smoking in an enclosed motor vehicle when a child under the age of eight is present.

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