

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2021 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 247**

BY SENATORS MAYNARD, WOODRUM, AND STOLLINGS

[Introduced February 12, 2021; referred  
to the Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §17-4-2a, relating to providing the Commissioner of Highways with the  
 3 authority to designate a road as an “Historic Route”; and establishing rule-making  
 4 authority.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 4. STATE ROAD SYSTEM.**

**§17-4-2a. Naming historic routes.**

1 (a) As a part of its mission to preserve the historical significance of sites throughout the  
 2 state, the Commissioner of Highways is authorized to undertake determinations as to whether  
 3 any road that is a part of the United States Numbered Road System should be declared an  
 4 “Historic Route”. The commissioner may propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with  
 5 the provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code.

6 (b) Once a determination has been made to declare a road an “Historic Route”, the  
 7 commissioner or his or her designee shall create and erect signs to educate those travelling the  
 8 road of its historical significance.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide the Commissioner of Highways with the authority to designate a road an “Historic Route”; establishing rule-making authority; and creating and erecting signs.

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