

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2021 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 593**

BY SENATORS CAPUTO AND LINDSAY

[Introduced March 8, 2021; referred  
to the Committee on Economic Development; and  
then to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,  
 2 designated §47-11G-1, relating to requiring exhibitors of motion pictures who operate two  
 3 or more theatres in more than one location in this state to provide open captioning during  
 4 at least two showings per week of each motion picture that is produced and offered with  
 5 open captioning; and requiring, when requested, audio description be provided for any  
 6 motion picture that is produced and offered with audio description.

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

**ARTICLE 11G. THE MOTION PICTURE OPEN CAPTIONING ACT.**

**§47-11G-1. The Motion Picture Open Captioning Act.**

1 Exhibitors of motion pictures who operate two or more theatres in more than one location  
 2 in this state shall provide open captioning during at least two showings per week of each motion  
 3 picture that is produced and offered with open captioning. Upon request, audio description shall  
 4 be provided for any motion picture that is produced and offered with audio description.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require exhibitors of motion pictures who operate two or more theatres in more than one location in this state to provide open captioning during at least two showings per week of each motion picture that is produced and offered with open captioning. The bill requires, when requested, audio description be provided for any motion picture that is produced and offered with audio description.

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