

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 4885

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and Cooper

[Introduced January 18, 2024; Referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-10-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to prohibiting a person from standing, laying, kneeling, or sitting in the roadway for the
 3 purpose of blocking traffic.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 10. PEDESTRIANS' RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

§17C-10-6. Pedestrians on roadways; soliciting rides; blocking roadway prohibited.

1 (a) Where sidewalks are provided it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and
 2 upon an adjacent roadway.

3 (b) Where sidewalks are not provided any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway
 4 shall when practicable walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic which
 5 may approach from the opposite direction.

6 (c) No person shall stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of
 7 any vehicle.

8 (d) No person shall sit, stand, kneel, or lay in the roadway for the purpose of blocking the
 9 flow of traffic.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit persons from sitting, standing, kneeling, or laying down in the roadway for the purpose of blocking traffic.

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