WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2024 REGULAR SESSION

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House Bill 5549

By Delegate Linville

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Committee on Technology and Infrastructure]

A BILL to amend and reenact §15A-4-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
to allowing license plates, road signs, or markers to be obtained from alternative sources
when the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation is unable to produce them.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 4. CORRECTIONS MANAGEMENT.

§15A-4-15. Manufacture of license plates, road signs or markers; securing signs and markers when federal government reimburses state for cost thereof.

For the purpose of obtaining license plates to be used upon motor vehicles licensed for operation in this state and road signs or markers of any description for state roads, the commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered on behalf of the state, to establish and operate a plant for the manufacture of the license plates and road signs or markers in his or her institution.

6 It shall be unlawful for any state official or employee to manufacture or obtain the license 7 plates, road signs, or markers otherwise than as herein specified: *Provided*, That the 8 Commissioner of Highways may originally secure road signs or markers from sources other than 9 that provided herein. <u>The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may secure license plates from</u> 10 <u>alternative sources when necessary to maintain a reasonable supply when the division is unable</u> 11 <u>to produce an adequate supply based on a shortage of resources, labor, or other circumstance</u> 12 <u>beyond the control of the division.</u>