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Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 2892

By Delegates Shamblin, Hall, Chiarelli, Heckert,

Akers, and T. Howell

[Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary;

Reported on March 27, 2025]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-10-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to prohibiting unlawful traffic interference; creating the offense of unlawful traffic
3 interference; creating criminal penalties; and providing exceptions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 10. PEDESTRIANS' RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

§17C-10-6. Pedestrians on roadways; soliciting rides; unlawful traffic interference.

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) Unless otherwise provided by existing law or permitted by the appropriate
9 governmental authority, no person may impede vehicular traffic with their body and/or by placing
10 any object in such a manner so as to impede vehicular traffic.

11 (e) A person who violates subsection (d) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and,
12 upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$100; upon a second conviction within one
13 year thereafter, shall be fined not more than \$200; and upon a third or subsequent conviction, shall
14 be fined not more than \$500.