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Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 3168

By Delegates Mallow, Barnhart, Brooks, Marple, Green, Vance, Hillenbrand, Miller, and Kump [Originating in the Committee on Energy and Public Works; Reported on March 17, 2025]

- A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, to add a new article designated
 §46A-6O-1, relating to creating The Rosi Act; requiring that entities providing goods,
 services, or utilities allow changes to be made to an electronic account by telephone or
- 4 mail; and providing for enforcement.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 60. THE ROSI ACT.

§46A-6O-1. The Rosi act; mandate; enforcement.

- 1 (a) This act shall be cited as "The Rosi Act".
- 2 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of code to the contrary, including any provision of §39A-
- 3 <u>1-1 et seq. of this code, an entity, business, corporation, company, or organization that provides</u>
- 4 goods, services, or utilities to an individual in West Virginia shall allow changes to be made to an
- 5 electronic or online account for said goods, services, or utilities by telephone or by mail with
- 6 <u>necessary identity verification measures.</u>
- 7 (c) Failure of an entity, business, corporation, company or organization to comply with
- 8 subsection (b) constitutes a violation of the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act of
- 9 §46A-6-101 et seq. of this code and is subject to enforcement by the Attorney General; provided,
- 10 however, that the authority to enforce utilities to comply with subsection (b) shall be with the Public
- 11 <u>Services Commission and not the Attorney General.</u>

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create The Rosi Act; requiring that entities providing goods, services, or utilities allow changes to be made to an electronic account by telephone or mail; and providing for enforcement.

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