

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 3335

By Delegate Crouse

[Introduced March 13, 2025; referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §55-7-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
2 violations of statutes; and providing that a person in an automobile accident whose license
3 has been suspended or revoked is at fault for the accident.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 7. ACTIONS FOR INJURIES.

§55-7-9. Violation of statutes.

1 (a) Any person injured by the violation of any statute may recover from the offender such
2 damages as he or she may sustain by reason of the violation, although a penalty or forfeiture for
3 such violation be thereby imposed, unless the same be expressly mentioned to be in lieu of such
4 damages.

5 (b) Any person involved in an automobile accident, when that person has had his or her
6 operator's license suspended or revoked, shall be considered in violation of §17B-4-3 of this code,
7 and at fault for the accident and responsible to persons for injuries or property damaged.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide that a person in an automobile accident whose license has been suspended or revoked is at fault for the accident and any damages or injuries.

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