

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 4107

By Delegate Hansen

[Introduced January 14, 2026; referred to the

Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
2 designated §22-1-4, relating to requiring disclosure of the lawful activity that is the basis of
3 a permit application with the Department of Environmental Protection; and providing
4 exceptions thereto.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

§22-1-4. Disclosure of purpose for permitted activity.

1 The Legislature finds that when an industrial, manufacturing, or other activity necessitates
2 a permit pursuant to this chapter, that the public and residents in the proximity of that activity have
3 a right to know the nature and purpose of the permitted activity, and that the entity applying for a
4 permit shall disclose the lawful purpose of the activity with sufficient specificity to put the public on
5 notice of the proposed activities that will occur at the permit location. The Director of the
6 Department of Environmental Protection shall require, for a permit pursuant to these provisions of
7 this chapter, disclosure of this information as part of the permit application: *Provided*, That the
8 provisions of this section may not require disclosure of trade secrets or other propriety information
9 by the applicant.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require disclosure of the lawful activity that is the basis of a permit application with the Department of Environmental Protection; and providing exceptions thereto.

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