

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4835**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

By Delegate Pritt

[Introduced January 26, 2026; referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Public Works]

- 1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-3-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to traffic signals; and requiring that a three-second pause be added to all traffic-control  
3 lights and devices.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 3. TRAFFIC SIGNS, SIGNALS AND MARKINGS.**

**§17C-3-2. Placing and maintaining traffic-control devices and signs on state highways.**

- 1 (a) The state road commission shall place and maintain such traffic-control devices,  
2 conforming to its manual and specifications, upon all state highways as it shall deem necessary to  
3 indicate and to carry out the provisions of this chapter or to regulate, warn, or guide traffic;  
4 Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the contrary, the commission  
5 shall reprogram all traffic-control lights and devices to add a three-second pause from the time one  
6 set of lights turns red and the opposite set of lights turns green on divided highways.
- 7 (b) No local authority shall place or maintain any traffic- control device upon any highway  
8 under the jurisdiction of the state road commission except by the latter's permission.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require that a three-second pause be added to all traffic-control lights and devices on divided highways.

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