

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 5348

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Browning

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Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
 2 designated §17C-13-9, relating to prohibiting pedestrians from standing in roadways or
 3 right of ways.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 13. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING.

§17C-13-9. Prohibition on pedestrians from standing in roadways or right of ways.

1 (a) Legislative findings. – The Legislature finds that the presence of persons standing in
 2 the middle of the roadway, on right of ways, or near the roadway creates significant public safety
 3 hazards for those individuals and motorists.

4 (b) Enactment. –It is prohibited for anyone to stand in a roadway or on a right of way.

5 (c) Penalty. – Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor
 6 and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$100; upon a second conviction within
 7 one year thereafter, shall be fined not more than \$200; and upon a third or subsequent conviction,
 8 shall be fined not more than \$500.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit pedestrians from standing in roadways or right of ways.

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