

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 699**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

By Senator Rucker

[Introduced February 2, 2026; referred  
to the Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §24A-1-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to exempting common carriers and contract carriers engaged in the business of  
3 transporting solid waste for commercial or industrial customers to disposal or recycling  
4 locations.

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

**ARTICLE 1. PURPOSES, DEFINITIONS AND EXEMPTIONS.**

**§24A-1-3. Exemptions from chapter.**

1 The provisions of this chapter, except where specifically otherwise provided, do not apply  
2 to:

3 (1) Motor vehicles operated exclusively in the transportation of United States mail or in the  
4 transportation of newspapers: *Provided*, That the vehicles and their operators are subject to the  
5 safety rules promulgated by the commission;

6 (2) Motor vehicles owned and operated by the United States of America, the State of West  
7 Virginia or any county, municipality or county board of education, urban mass transportation  
8 authority established and maintained pursuant to §8-27-1 *et seq.* of this code or by any of their  
9 departments, and any motor vehicles operated under a contract with a county board of education  
10 exclusively for the transportation of children to and from school or other legitimate transportation  
11 for the schools as the commission may specifically authorize;

12 (3) Motor vehicles used exclusively in the transportation of agricultural or horticultural  
13 products, livestock, poultry and dairy products from the farm or orchard on which they are raised or  
14 produced to markets, processing plants, packing houses, canneries, railway shipping points and  
15 cold storage plants, and in the transportation of agricultural or horticultural supplies to farms or  
16 orchards where they are to be used: *Provided*, That the vehicles that are exempted by this  
17 subdivision and are also operated by common carriers by motor vehicle or contract carriers by  
18 motor vehicle, and their operators are subject to the safety and insurance rules promulgated by the  
19 commission;

20 (4) Motor vehicles used exclusively in the transportation of human or animal excreta;

21 (5) Motor vehicles used exclusively in ambulance service or duly chartered rescue squad

22 service;

23 (6) Motor vehicles used exclusively for volunteer fire department service;

24 (7) Motor vehicles used exclusively in the transportation of coal from mining operations to

25 loading facilities for further shipment by rail or water carriers: *Provided*, That the vehicles and their

26 operators are subject to the safety rules promulgated by the commission and the vehicles that are

27 exempted by this subdivision and are also operated by common carriers by motor vehicle or

28 contract carriers by motor vehicle, and their operators are subject to the insurance rules

29 promulgated by the commission;

30 (8) Motor vehicles used by petroleum commission agents and oil distributors solely for the  
31 transportation of petroleum products and related automotive products when the transportation is  
32 incidental to the business of selling the products: *Provided*, That the vehicles and their operators  
33 are subject to the safety rules promulgated by the commission and the vehicles that are exempted  
34 by this subdivision and are also operated by common carriers by motor vehicle or contract carriers  
35 by motor vehicle, and their operators are subject to the insurance rules promulgated by the  
36 commission;

37 (9) Motor vehicles owned, leased by or leased to any person and used exclusively for the  
38 transportation of processed source-separated recycled materials generated by commercial,  
39 institutional and industrial customers, transported free of charge or by a nonprofit recycling  
40 cooperative association in accordance with §19-4-1(d)(1) of this code from the customers to a  
41 facility for further processing: *Provided*, That the vehicles and their operators shall be subject to  
42 the safety rules promulgated by the commission and the vehicles that are exempted by this  
43 subdivision and are also operated by common carriers by motor vehicle or contract carriers by  
44 motor vehicle, and their operators are subject to the insurance rules promulgated by the  
45 commission:

46 (10) Motor vehicles specifically preempted from state economic regulation of intrastate  
47 motor carrier operations by the provisions of 49 U. S. C. §14501 as amended by Title I, Section  
48 103 of the federal Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act of 1995: *Provided*, That the  
49 vehicles and their operators are subject to the safety regulations promulgated by the commission  
50 and the vehicles that are exempted by this subdivision and are also operated by common carriers  
51 by motor vehicle or contract carriers by motor vehicle, and their operators are subject to the  
52 insurance rules promulgated by the commission;

53 (11) Motor vehicles designated by the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services for use and  
54 operation by local county aging programs: *Provided*, That the vehicles and their operators are  
55 subject to the safety rules promulgated by the commission;

56 (12) Motor vehicles designated by the West Virginia Division of Public Transit operated by  
57 organizations that receive federal grants from the Federal Transit Administration: *Provided*, That  
58 the vehicles and their operators are subject to the safety and insurance rules promulgated by the  
59 commission;

64 (14) Common carriers or contract carriers engaged in the business of transporting  
65 household goods and motor vehicles used exclusively in the transportation of household goods;

66 (15) Common carriers or contract carriers engaged in the business of transporting scrap  
67 tires, waste tires, or other used tires to storage, disposal, or recycling locations; or

68 (16) Motor vehicles operated under a contract with the West Virginia Department of  
69 Environmental Protection exclusively for the cleanup and transportation of waste tires generated  
70 from state authorized waste tire remediation or cleanup projects: *Provided*, That the vehicles that  
71 are exempted by this subdivision, and their operators, are subject to the safety and insurance rules

72 promulgated by the commission.

73 (17) Luxury limousine service: *Provided*, That luxury limousine service vehicles and their  
74 operators are subject to the safety rules and insurance requirements promulgated by the  
75 commission.

76 (18) Common carriers or contract carriers engaged in the business of transporting solid  
77 waste for commercial or industrial customers to disposal or recycling locations: *Provided*, That the  
78 vehicles that are exempted by this subdivision, and their operators, are subject to the safety and  
79 insurance rules promulgated by the commission.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to exempt common carriers and contract carriers engaged in the business of transporting solid waste for commercial or industrial customers to disposal or recycling locations.

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