

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

House Bill 4723

By Delegate Pritt

[Introduced January 22, 2026; referred to the
Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, by adding a new section, designated §17C-14-
2 16, relating to prohibiting the operation of a "squatted vehicle" in West Virginia; providing
3 for a definition; and providing for penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 14. MISCELLANEOUS RULES.

§17C-14-16. Prohibition of "squatted" vehicles.

1 (a) Effective July 1, 2026, it shall be illegal to operate a "squatted" vehicle on West Virginia
2 roads.

3 (b) "Squatted" vehicles include those with a front or rear fender raised four or more inches
4 higher than the other.

5 (c) West Virginia law enforcement shall only issue warning citations for the first six months
6 after the effective date.

7 (d) On January 1, 2027, drivers shall begin to receive tickets for violations. The following
8 penalties for violations are established:

9 (1) First Offense - \$100 fine;

10 (2) Second Offense - \$200 fine; and

11 (3) Third Offense - \$300 fine and a license suspension by the West Virginia Division of
12 Motor Vehicles for twelve months from the date of conviction.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is prohibit the operation of a squatted vehicle in West Virginia.

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