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AN ACT to amend article eight, chapter seventeen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended by chapter forty, acts of the Legislature, first extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, by adding section thirty-one-a, relating to the powers of the state road commissioner to regulate traffic upon state roads.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article eight, chapter seventeen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended by chapter forty, acts of the Legislature, first extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, be amended by adding section thirty-one-a to read as follows:

Section 31-a. If the state road commissioner finds that life,

- 2 property, or the preservation of a state road is endangered
- 3 because of the condition of the road, the congestion of traffic
- 4 on the road, or the character of traffic on the road, he may
- 5 promulgate regulations as follows, by:
- 6 1. Closing the road to the use of vehicles of specified size,
- 7 weight, load or other characteristics.
- 8 2. Prescribing maximum and minimum rates of speed
- 9 which shall be observed by vehicles using the road.
- 10 3. Prohibiting the use of the road by all vehicles or by
- 11 particular classes of vehicles during particular hours of the
- 12 day or on particular days of the week.
- 13 4. Specifying minimum distances to be maintained be-
- 14 tween heavy vehicles traveling in the same direction.
- 15 5. Prescribing such other traffic regulations as he may find
- 16 necessary for the purposes of this section.
- 17 The state road commissioner shall deposit a copy of a regu-
- 18 lation promulgated by him with the county clerk of each
- 19 county through which the road passes. He shall print copies
- 20 and distribute them free of charge to any person requesting
- 21 them.
- 22 The state road commissioner shall place official signs prom-

- 23 inently located at the entrance of the state road affected by
- 24 a regulation, and at each intersection where vehicles habitu-
- 25 ally enter upon the road. The placing of official signs shall
- 26 be notice that the regulations with respect to that road have
- 27 been promulgated and are in effect.
- 28 A person who violates a regulation promulgated under this
- 29 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon convic-
- 30 tion shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than
- 31 one hundred dollars or imprisoned in the county jail not
- 32 less than three days nor more than thirty days, or both, in
- 33 the discretion of the court.

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