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HOUSE BILL No. 774

(By Mr. ________________)

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FILED IN THE OFFICE
EDGAR F. HEISKELL III
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 4-18-73
AN ACT to amend and reenact section thirty-six, article one, Chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; and to amend article fourteen of said chapter by adding thereto a new section, designated section thirteen, all relating to traffic regulations; words and phrases defined; providing that it is unlawful for owners of vehicles to park on a private road, driveway or private property, and that the property owner may move, or have moved, such vehicles without cost to him and without any liability for moving such vehicles; and notification of police.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section thirty-six, article one, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that article fourteen of said chapter be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section thirteen, all to read as follows:
ARTICLE 1. WORDS AND PHRASES DEFINED

§17C-1-36. Private road or driveway; private property.

(a) “Private road” or “driveway” means every way or place in private ownership and used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other persons.

(b) “Private property” means real estate in private ownership without regard to the manner in which it is used.

ARTICLE 14. MISCELLANEOUS RULES.

§17C-14-13. Vehicles parked on private property.

It shall be unlawful for any driver of a vehicle to stop, park or leave standing unattended any vehicle on a private road or driveway or on private property without having express or implied permission from the owner, tenant or lessee of such land. The owner, tenant or lessee of such private road or driveway or private property may move, or have moved, any vehicle stopped, parked or left standing unattended on his private road, driveway, or private property as above prohibited without any liability for the cost of moving any vehicle, nor shall he be liable to the owner of the vehicle for any damage done to such vehicle in moving it, unless the owner, tenant or lessee of such private road or driveway or private property was negligent in removing or authorizing the removal of the vehicle. The owner of such vehicle shall be responsible to the persons removing such vehicle for paying all removal costs. Any person who removes any vehicle under the provisions of this section shall notify the department of public safety of such action, and, if such vehicle is removed within a municipality, shall, in addition notify the police department of such municipality.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

H. Darrel Dality  
Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.
Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Howard Baker  
Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within 
 approved this the 16th 

day of April, 1973.

Aub A. Smeas Jr.  
Governor