WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1988

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 253

(By Senator JACKSON, ET AC)

PASSED . In Effect 90 DAYS FROM Passage

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FOR

Senate Bill No. 253

(Senators Jackson, Tomblin, Williams and Felton, original sponsors)

[Passed March 12, 1988; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend article fifteen, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section forty-seven, relating to requiring commercial towing vehicles to employ safety chains when towing wrecked or disabled vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article fifteen, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section forty-seven, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 15. EQUIPMENT.

§17C-15-47. Commercial towing vehicles to employ safety chains.

- 1 Every vehicle used in any business in West Virginia for
- 2 towing wrecked or disabled vehicles shall carry a safety
- 3 chain at all times. No such towing vehicle may tow a

- 4 wrecked or disabled vehicle unless a safety chain is securely
- 5 in place coupling the towing vehicle to the vehicle being
- 6 towed. For purposes of this section, safety chain means
- 7 chain or cable of sufficient strength to keep the towing and
- 8 towed vehicles connected in the event that the towing sling
- 9 or other primary connection fails.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Complettee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

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