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HOUSE BILL No. 2296

(By Delegate Ryan)

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Passed April 7, 1989

In Effect Ninety Days From Passage
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H. B. 2296

(BY DELEGATE RYAN)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section seven, article twelve, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the sale of school buses; and allowing motorists to continue movement in certain situations involving stopped school buses on controlled access highways.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section seven, article twelve, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 12. SPECIAL STOPS REQUIRED.

§17C-12-7. Overtaking and passing school bus; penalties; signs and warning lights upon buses; removal of warning lights, lettering, etc., upon sale of buses; highways with separate roadways.

1. (a) The driver of a vehicle on any street or highway upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus which has stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children shall stop the vehicle before reaching such school bus when there is in operation on said school bus flashing warning signal lights, as referred to in section eight of this article, and said driver shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or is signaled by the school
bus driver to proceed or the visual signals are no longer actuated. Any such driver acting in violation of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than twenty-five nor more than two hundred dollars, or imprisoned in the county jail not more than six months, or both fined and imprisoned.

(b) Every bus used for the transportation of school children shall bear upon the front and rear thereof a plainly visible sign containing the words “school bus” in letters not less than eight inches in height. When a contract school bus is being operated upon a highway for purposes other than the actual transportation of children either to or from school all markings thereon indicating “school bus” shall be covered or concealed. Any school bus sold or transferred to another owner by a county board of education, agency or individual, shall have all flashing warning lights disconnected; all lettering removed or permanently obscured, except when sold or transferred for the transportation of school children.

(c) The driver of a vehicle upon a controlled access highway need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway and the school bus is stopped in a loading zone which is a part of or adjacent to such highway and where pedestrians are not permitted to cross the roadway.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Frederick L. Hearn  
Chairman Senate Committee

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Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Jeff C. Miller  
Clerk of the Senate

Donald E. Kepp  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 24th day of April, 1989.

Governor