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SENATE BILL NO.

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## Senate Bill No. 184

### (By Senators Bailey, Bowman, Ball, Jackson, Kessler, McCabe, Minard, Redd, Schoonover, Snyder, Walker, Wooton and Boley)

[Passed February 24, 1999; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article sixteen-a, chapter seventeen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to continuing the West Virginia parkways, economic development and tourism authority.

#### Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 16A. WEST VIRGINIA PARKWAYS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM AUTHORITY.

§17-16A-3. Dissolution and termination of West Virginia turnpike commission; West Virginia parkways, economic development and tourism authority generally.

1 On and after the first day of June, one thousand nine 2 hundred eighty-nine, the West Virginia turnpike commis-3 sion is hereby abolished in all respects, and there is hereby 4 created the "West Virginia Parkways, Economic Develop-5 ment and Tourism Authority", and by that name the 6 parkways authority may sue and be sued and plead and be 7 impleaded. The parkways authority is hereby constituted 8 an agency of the state, and the exercise by the parkways 9 authority of the powers conferred by this article in the 10 construction, reconstruction, improvement, operation and 11 maintenance of parkway, economic development and 12 tourism projects shall be deemed and held to be an essen-13 tial governmental function of the state.

14 The West Virginia parkways, economic development and 15 tourism authority shall consist of seven members, includ-16 ing the transportation secretary, who shall serve as 17 chairman of the parkways authority, and six members, 18 including no less than one from each of the counties which have land bordering parkway projects, appointed by the 19 20 governor, by and with the advice and consent of the 21 Senate. The appointed members shall be residents of the 22 state and shall have been qualified electors therein for a 23 period of at least one year next preceding their appointment. Upon the effective date of this legislation, the 24 25 governor shall forthwith appoint six members of the 26 parkways authority for staggered terms. The terms of the 27 parkways authority members first taking office on or after 28 the effective date of this legislation shall expire as desig-29 nated by the governor at the time of the nomination, one 30 at the end of the first year, one at the end of the second 31 year, one at the end of the third year, one at the end of the 32 fifth year, one at the end of the sixth year and one at the 33 end of the seventh year, after the first day of June, one 34 thousand nine hundred eighty-nine. As these original 35 appointments expire, each subsequent appointment shall 36 be for a full eight-year term. Any member whose term has 37 expired shall serve until his or her successor has been duly 38 appointed and qualified. Any person appointed to fill a 39 vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term. Any 40 member shall be eligible for reappointment. The term of 41 any person serving as a member of the West Virginia

42 turnpike commission immediately preceding the effective 43 date of this legislation shall cease and otherwise expire 44 upon such effective date: *Provided*, That any such member 45 shall be eligible for reappointment. Each appointed 46 member of the parkways authority before entering upon 47 his duties shall take an oath as provided by section five, 48 article IV of the constitution of the state of West Virginia.

49 The parkways authority shall elect one of the appointed 50 members as vice chairman, and shall also elect a secretary 51 and treasurer who need not be members of the parkways 52 authority. Four members of the parkways authority shall 53 constitute a quorum and the vote of a majority of members 54 present shall be necessary for any action taken by the 55 parkways authority. No vacancy in the membership of the 56 parkways authority shall impair the right of a quorum to 57 exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the 58 parkways authority. The parkways authority shall meet at 59 least monthly and either the chairman or any four mem-60 bers shall be empowered to call special meetings for any 61 purpose or purposes: *Provided*, That notice of any such 62 meeting shall be given to all members of the parkways 63 authority not less than ten days prior to said special 64 meetings.

65 Before the issuance of any parkway revenue bonds or 66 revenue refunding bonds under the provisions of this 67 article, each appointed member of the parkways authority 68 shall execute a surety bond in the penal sum of twenty-five 69 thousand dollars and the secretary and treasurer shall 70 execute a surety bond in the penal sum of fifty thousand 71 dollars, each such surety bond to be conditioned upon the 72 faithful performance of the duties of his or her office, to be 73 executed by a surety company authorized to transact business in the state of West Virginia as surety and to be 74 75 approved by the governor and filed in the office of the 76 secretary of state.

77 The members of the parkways authority shall not be 78 entitled to compensation for their services, but each 79 member shall be reimbursed for his or her actual expenses 80 necessarily incurred in the performance of his or her 81 duties. All expenses incurred in carrying out the provi-

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- 82 sions of this article shall be payable solely from funds
- 83 provided under the authority of this article and no liability
- 84 or obligation shall be incurred by the parkways authority
- 85 hereunder beyond the extent to which moneys shall have
- 86 been provided under the authority of this article.
- 87 Pursuant to the provisions of article ten, chapter four of
- 88 this code, the West Virginia parkways, economic develop-
- 89 ment and tourism authority shall continue to exist until
- 90 the first day of July, two thousand five.

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

Chairman Senate Committee

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Originating in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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