

There are 2575 bills listed as of 9:30am 3/29/24

First Day Jan 10, 2024

Crossover Day Feb 28, 2024 – Last day to read bill in house of origin. Any bills not past third reading on this day and still is original house are officially dead. **CROSS OVER DAY HAS HAPPENED**

Last Day Mar 9, 2024 – Adjournment at midnight. **HAS HAPPENED**

Red Text = Bill is Dead; Green Text = Bill has Passed; Grey Box = Directly affects WV8A

SB	ID	Type	Basics	How affected/Notations	Result
SB	144	Amend 18-5-4	Requiring each county board [of education] to ensure that its meetings are open to public through in-person attendance and broadcast live on its website	<i>Could become a thing for BZA/PC?</i>	House committee
SB	149	Amend 7-12-3	Relating to municipalities required to be represented on county authority boards	Makes the municipality number for those with 1,000 residents or more	Completed Legislation Effective from passage March 8, 2024
SB	171	Amend 7-1-3 and 7-1-3ff	Prohibiting county commissions from adopting authorization that exceeds state law regarding agriculture operations	County commissions may not adopt or enact any authorization that contravenes or is stricter than any state law, rule, or regulation relating 34 to agricultural operations, as defined in §19-19-2 and same for pesticides. Also revokes previous authorizations. <i>Could cause issues with zoning?</i>	Completed Legislation Effective 90 days from passage May 13, 2024
SB	188	New Code 5B-2-P	Mountain homes act	creating the Mountain Homes Fund to remove barriers to funding for home construction with the goal of promoting a sustainable quality of life for the state's workforce committee substitute added some definitions engrossed committee substitute floor amendments <i>building and zoning?</i>	House committee
SB	196	Amend 5B-1A	WV Rail Trails Program	addresses railroad liability and safety risk concerns proposed during the 2021 regular legislative session. committee substitute engrossed committee substitute floor amendments	House committee
SB	197	New code 18-5-29 Amend code 61-8a-1	Prohibiting obscene materials in or within 2,500 feet of WV schools	As stated in basics	Senate Committee

SB	210	New 5-32	WV Native American Tribes Unique Recognition, Authentication, and Listing Act	Does not permit gambling. <i>Creation of reservations?</i> See HB 4392	Senate Committee
SB	232	New 17-3-11 and 17-30	Special Road Repair Fund	enhance maintenance and repair of the state's roads and highways generally. requires Division of Highways, and county supervisors consult with county commissions and legislators to submit project requests to the Division of Highways; sets forth a funding formula;	Senate Committee
SB	285	7-1-3uu	Allowing county commissions to impose amusement tax	See basics	Senate Committee
SB	290	New 18-5-45b	Establishing three-year nontraditional school week pilot project	three-year nontraditional school week pilot project in up to five county school districts in which students in all grade levels are present four days per week and on the fifth day, educators engage in activities designed to improve instruction, bus drivers and cooks ensure that students have access to school breakfast and lunch, and instruction is delivered to students through alternative methods	Senate Committee
SB	321	Amend 8-12-15a	Limiting municipalities' authority to restrict purchase and storage of weapons and ammunition	<p>prevent municipalities from targeting protected businesses with planning and zoning ordinances more restrictive than those placed upon other businesses.</p> <p>committee substitute:</p> <p>a municipality may not regulate a business entity by closing or limiting the operating hours of an entity engaged in the lawful selling or servicing of any firearm, including any component or accessory, ammunition, ammunition reloading equipment, and supplies, or personal weapons other than firearms, unless the closing or limitation of hours applies generally within the jurisdiction of commerce, nor shall a municipality place restrictions or quantity limitations regarding the lawful sale or servicing of any firearm or ammunition, any firearm or ammunition component or accessory, ammunition reloading equipment and supplies, or personal weapons other than firearms, all including indoor or outdoor shooting ranges.</p> <p>Committee sub sub;</p> <p>except that a municipality may not 63 restrict or regulate a firearms or ammunitions related business entity in a manner more restrictive 64 than the planning or zoning ordinances imposed upon any other retail business, nor shall a 65 municipality place restrictions on quantity limitations regarding the lawful sale or servicing of any CS for CS for SB 321 4 66 firearm or ammunition, any firearm or ammunition component or accessory, ammunition reloading 67 equipment and supplies, or personal</p>	<p>Senate 2nd reading</p> <p>Referred to Senate Rules</p>

				weapons other than firearms, including all indoor or outdoor 68 shooting ranges. See HB 4782	
SB	333	Amend 5-16 1 to 24 new 5-16a	Dissolving PEIA and converting to employer-owned mutual insurance company	See basics	Senate Committee
SB	340	Amend 24-3-2	Preventing public water and sewer utilities from prohibiting customer from constructing, installing, or maintaining connection to public utility	Only if certain requirements are met <i>Issues for infrastructure?</i>	Senate Committee
SB	345	Amend 18-8-4 new 18-8a-5	Creating homeless education coordinator in counties designated by state board as urban county.	See basics	Senate Committee
SB	364	New code 11a-5-1 to 3	Prohibiting counties from double-taxing rental properties	No county or municipality may assess any additional property taxes on residential rental properties based on zoning	Senate Committee
SB	386	New code 16a-17	Legalizing cannabis production, sales, and adult consumption	legalize the personal use and possession of cannabis by adults; providing for a county option election to allow for the production and sales in that county; providing for regulation by the Bureau of Health; authorizing an excise and local sales tax on cannabis; prohibiting underage use; and preserving current laws relating to allowing employers and property owners to prohibit use or possession.	Senate Committee
SB	425	New code 20-3c- 1 to 5	WV Public Waterway Access Act	providing public access at bridge crossings; fencing; and requiring implementation by the Department of Transportation <i>changes impact of comp plans?</i>	Senate Committee
SB	426	New 17-31-1 to 6	WV Recreational Trails Development Act	prioritize design and construction of recreational trails in the state, assign duties to the Department for development and maintenance and funding, establish reporting requirements, and set an effective date <i>changes impact of comp plans?</i>	House Committee
SB	494	New 36-3a 1 to 9	Uniform Unlawful Restriction in Land Records Act	provides a mechanism for amending an existing deed by filing a document in the deed books severs a unlawful restriction contained therein by filing a document with the County Clerk which declares that the discriminatory provision of the deed is void and does not pass through to the subsequent chain of title <i>affects HOA/deed restrictions?</i>	House Committee

				See HB 4916	
SB	497	Amend 37-6-9	Prohibiting rent control	No political subdivision may enact, adopt, renew, maintain, enforce, or continue in existence any ordinance that is in conflict with this section, or that regulates the rights and obligations of parties to a rental agreement that are regulated by this section, including, without limitation, by any way imposing or requiring rent control. <i>Zoning?</i>	Senate Committee
SB	530	Amend 7-20-6	Removing requirement for counties to draft and adopt zoning ordinances	remove the requirement for a county to draft and adopt comprehensive zoning ordinances for enactment of impact fees see HB 4779	Completed Legislation Effective 90 days from passage June 5, 2024
SB	540	Amend 1-1-5	Updating surveying coordinate system	Strike the use of a north and south zone for the WV coordinate system committee substitute	Completed Legislation Effective 90 days from passage June 4, 2024
SB	541	New 8-40-1 to 6	Facilitating creation of home-based businesses	Facilitates creation of home-based businesses, with certain conditions including: A municipality shall not require a person as a condition of operating a home-based business to: (1) Rezone the property for commercial use; (2) Install or equip fire sprinklers in a single-family detached residential dwelling or any residential dwelling with not more than two dwelling units. See HB 4943	Senate Committee
SB	551	Amend 8-13a-12	Modifying requirements related to levy of service fees	Relates to business improvement districts. Strikes “Any surplus in the fund in a fiscal year shall be applied to reduce the amount of service fees required for the next fiscal year” from the language	Completed Legislation Effective 90 days from passage June 6, 2024
SB	569	Amend 8-12-5	Allowing municipalities to complete work previously requested to DOH	See basics	Senate Committee
SB	577	Amend 19-25-3 to 6	Limiting landowner liability when land is used for recreational purposes	encourage landowners to make land available for recreational purposes by limiting landowner liability committee substitute	House Committee
SB	604	New 11-13nn-1 to 7	WV Short Line Railroad Modernization Act	create the West Virginia Short Line Railroad Modernization Act and tax credit allowed and credit	Senate Committee

				<p>limitations for short line railroad companies in West Virginia.</p> <p>See HB 5280</p>	
SB	629	Amend 15a-11-5	Requiring builders to follow State Building Code when local inspection and enforcement not provided	It sounds as though the State Fire Commission will enforce the state building code in all 55 counties and each muni after f=July 1, 2025.	House Committee
SB	631	Amend 16-13-16	Prohibiting municipalities from disconnecting water service for nonpayment of stormwater fees	<p>Prohibit municipalities from shutting off a user's water for nonpayment of a stormwater fee. The bill allows for municipalities to impose a lien to obtain payment but prohibits municipalities from shutting off services for nonpayment.</p> <p>See HB 4864</p>	<p>Completed Legislation</p> <p>Effective 90 days from passage June 7, 2024</p>
SB	694	New 31j-1-1 to 31j-3-2	WV Land Use Association Registration Act	<p>requiring registration of land use associations (HOAs) in an electronic format and maintaining that information on an accessible database and website will better allow property owners to ascertain relevant information about their associations. Register with the Sec of the State. Need have: legal name of the LUA; The principal mailing address of the LUA; The address for service of process on the LUA; The names of the officers of the LUA; and The number of parcels that are included within the LUA.</p>	Senate Committee
SB	749	New 12-10-1 to 9	WV Legal Tender Act	recognize gold and silver bullion and specie as legal tender in West Virginia, to authorize the West Virginia Bullion Depository, and to authorize the depository to issue transactional currency backed by gold and silver.	Senate Committee
SB	782	New 8a-13-1 to 4	Defining deadlines for local permits and extensions for property development or improvement	<p>Creates local permitting deadlines for any request for a permit, license, variance, etc: The governing body or planning commission have 60 days to approve/deny request. If not approved/denied within 60 days, then the request is approved. Time limit begins upon receipt of a request. May not impose on the applicant additional requirements related to the request once approved. If denies the request, then must provide the applicant a statement in writing of the reasons for the denial. If denies for being incomplete, then must provide the applicant a statement in writing of the reasons the request is incomplete. The request is incomplete if the request fails to contain all information required by law or by a previously adopted rule, ordinance, or policy. The time limit may be extended but the following applies: The time limit is extended if a request requires prior approval of a state or federal agency. The time limit is extended to 60 days after the required prior approval is granted. The extension may not exceed 60 days, unless approved by the applicant. An applicant may request an extension in writing. The time limit does not apply to state agencies.</p> <p>See HB 4949</p>	<p>Completed Legislation</p> <p>Effective 90 days from passage June 2, 2024</p>

SB	843	New 12-10-1 to 9, 47-6-7	Recognizing gold and silver bullion and specie as legal tender in WV	recognize gold and silver bullion and specie as legal tender in West Virginia, to authorize the West Virginia Bullion Depository, and to authorize the depository to issue transactional currency backed by gold and silver	Senate Committee
SB	872	Amend 8-17-12	Relating to county fire service fees	County commission may reject resolution of county fire board amendment to fire fees.	Completed Legislation Effective from passage March 9, 2024
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HB	4169	New Code 16-67-1	Establish food desert produce pilot program	See basics	House Committee
HB	4176	New code 55-22-1	Establishing of the West Virginia Public Participation Act	provides additional protections to individuals and entities engaged in the exercise of the protected constitutional rights of free speech, freedom to petition, and freedom of association by allowing for the filing of a motion to dismiss in response to strategic lawsuits against public participation <i>Sunshine law and current meetings?</i>	House Committee
HB	4196	New Code 8-1-5b Amend 51-11-4	Relating to municipal home rule appeals	provides for appeals and grounds therefor. The bill provides who is eligible to appeal. Finally, the bill provides procedures for the appeal. Committee amendment	House Committee
HB	4197	New code 31g-6-3	Relating to broadband and political subdivisions	pre-empt all restrictions on any political subdivision regarding the formation or establishment of any entity which would seek to provide or assist in providing broadband service.	House Committee
HB	4198	Amend 31g-1a-7 New 31g-7	Relating generally to broadband	adds certain provisions to the administration of the Broadband Development Fund, including regulating the disposal of grant funded assets. The bill relates to defining eligible telecommunications carriers. The bill defines the status of such.	House Committee
HB	4226	Amend 11-1a-3, 11-3-1	Relating to providing a cap on property taxes	provide definitions for "market value" and "true and actual value"; and that property taxes may not be appraised and assessed higher than the value in 2019. <i>Could cause budget issues at local level</i>	House Committee
HB	4256	Amend 21-5c-2	Increasing the state minimum wage	Step up in increments from Dec 31 2024 at \$10.00 per hour to Dec 31, 2029 to \$15.00 per hour	House Committee
HB	4286	New code 46a-6-109	Allowing a home improvement transaction to be performed under an oral contract	See basics	House Committee
HB	4325	New code 15-5-31	Places of worship may not be shut down by state of emergency	See basics <i>Issues with emergency planning</i>	House Committee
HB	4342	New code 11-29	Make gold and silver legal tender in WV	See basics <i>Paying for fees?</i>	House Committee
HB	4347	Amend 37-15	Establishing certain tenant protections and landlord notice requirements at rental properties	rental properties for house trailers, mobile homes, manufactured homes, and modular homes.	Committee
HB	4366	Amend 11-21-3	Abolishing the Personal Income Tax	See basics <i>Could cause budget issues at local level</i>	House Committee
HB	4377	Amend 30-42-10	To protect homeowners from	require a written contract between a licensed contractor and owner or lessee of residential	House Committee

			unscrupulous contractors	property and information to be contained in the written contract.	
HB	4392	New code 5-32	Relating to state recognition of Native American tribes	Does not permit gambling. <i>Creation of reservations?</i> See SB 210	House Committee
HB	4478	Amend 7-11, 7-12, 8a-2	Limiting the maximum number of appointees to certain county and municipal bodies	Limit muni PC to nine people	House Committee
HB	4483	New code 5b-11	Be Exceptional Starting Today Act	legalize cannabis, provide for taxation of cannabis, and allow cannabis market activity as regulated by the Department of Commerce.	House Committee
HB	4528	Amend 16-18-25 and 26	Requiring urban renewal authorities to submit proposed urban renewal projects to the affected local county boards of health	require urban renewal authorities to submit active, amended and proposed urban renewal projects and plans to the affected local county boards of health for review and comment. The bill requires urban renewal authorities to meet with municipalities and communities regrading those projects and plans. The bill requires urban renewal authorities to make reports and make them available to the affected local county boards of health and local residents.	House Committee
HB	4534	Amend 21-5c-2	Relating to the minimum wage	Step up in increments from Sep 30 2024 at \$10.00 per hour to Sep 30, 2029 to \$15.00 per hour	House Committee
HB	4542	Amend 18-8-4, New 18-8a-5	Creating a homeless education coordinator for county schools	require that each county school board designate a homeless education coordinator and set out the duties of the position.	House Committee
HB	4601	Amend 8-1-5a	Establishing the Municipal Home Rule Program	remove the authority of municipalities participating in the Municipal Home Rule Program to impose a municipal sales tax. <i>Could cause budget issues at local level</i>	House Committee Originates in house gov org
HB	4626	Repeal 8-13-5	Repeal of authority granted to municipalities to levy business and occupation or privilege tax	See basics <i>Could cause budget issues at local level</i>	House Committee
HB	4636	New 8b-1	Prohibiting political subdivisions from enacting certain ordinances, regulations, local policies, local resolutions, or other legal requirements	prohibits political subdivisions from enacting any legal requirements regulating certain areas of the employer-employee relationship and the sale or marketing of consumer merchandise. The bill sets forth prohibited areas of regulation. The bill identifies exceptions. The bill sets forth a purpose, defines terms, and provides for private causes of action	House Committee
HB	4729	New 7-28-1 and 8-20b-1	Allow local governments to hold property owners more accountable for upkeep of buildings	empower county commissions and local governing bodies to compel removal of unsafe real property conditions.	House Committee

HB	4779	Amend 7-20-6	Repeal requirements of comprehensive zoning ordinance for county to collect development fees	remove the requirement for a county to draft and adopt comprehensive zoning ordinances in order to collect impact fees See SB 530	House Committee
HB	4782	Amend 8-12-5a	Preventing municipalities from targeting protected businesses with planning and zoning ordinances more restrictive than those placed upon other businesses.	prevent municipalities from targeting protected businesses with planning and zoning ordinances more restrictive than those placed upon other businesses. The bill shall be known as the Second Amendment Business Protection Act. Engrossed committee Sub: Muni can enact or enforce generally applicable zoning or business ordinances that apply to firearms businesses to the same degree as other businesses except as follows: (A) Any provision of an ordinance that is designed or enforced to effectively restrict or prohibit the sale, purchase, transfer, manufacture, repair, or display of firearms, ammunition, firearms accessories or components as that term is defined in §31A-2B-3 of this code, or personal defense tools or products other than firearms which are otherwise lawful under the laws of this state is void. (B) A municipality may not use its planning or zoning powers solely to prohibit the sale of firearms, ammunition, firearms accessories or components as that term is defined in §31A-2B-3 of this code, or personal defense tools or products other than firearms within a prescribed distance of any other type of commercial property or of school property or other educational property. See SB 321	Completed Legislation Effective 90 days from passage May 30, 2024
HB	4785	Amend 17-22-4	To regulate outdoor advertisements, specifically gentleman's clubs	restrict certain advertising by adult venues on public billboards <i>issues with exotic entertainment ordinances?</i>	House Committee
HB	4802	Amend 16-13a-9	To amend the law regarding sewer systems.	prohibit mandatory hook-ups and installation fees for new or expanding sewer systems.	House Committee
HB	4853	Amend 17f-1-3	To supersede all ordinances that restrict atv's on paved roads	remove the authority of the governing body of a municipal or county commission to prohibit the operation of all-terrain vehicles on streets in municipalities or county roads. <i>Sub regs?</i>	House Committee
HB	4873	New 16a-17-1 to 9	Relating to legalizing cannabis production, sales and adult consumption	legalize the personal use and possession of cannabis by adults; providing for a county option election to allow for the production and sales in that county; providing for regulation by the Bureau of Health; authorizing an excise and local sales tax on cannabis; prohibiting underage use; and preserving current laws relating to allowing	House Committee

				employers and property owners to prohibit use or possession.	
HB	4887		Reducing the term of office for Berkeley County Commissioners from six years to four years.	direct the County Commission of Berkeley County to hold a referendum election at the next general election to change the term of office for county commissioners from six years to four years. <i>could happen in other counties?</i>	House Committee
HB	4895	Amend 17c-6-1	Establishing speed limits in child care zones	Fifteen miles per hour in a licensed child care zone during child care recess or while children are going to or leaving child care during opening or closing hours. A child care zone is all child care property, including child care grounds and any street or highway abutting the licensed child care program or licensed Head Start program's grounds and extending one hundred twentyfive feet along the street or highway from the child care's grounds <i>How label child care zones, especially if move? Zoning?</i>	House Committee
HB	4905	Amend 8a-7-3 New code 11-13pp-1 to 11	Relating to the Tourism and Commercial Opportunity Zone Tax and Tax Credit Act	any Tourism and Commercial Opportunity Zone created pursuant to the authority of §11-13PP-1 et seq. of this code shall take precedence over and supersede any local or county land use ordinance in conflict with such Tourism and Commercial Opportunity Zone <i>affects zoning</i>	House Committee
HB	4906	Amend 22-6a-12	Relating to Well Location Restrictions	Changes that "the center of well pads may not be located within six hundred twenty-five feet of The limit of disturbance of" to "a well site may not be closer than 2,500 feet from" an occupied dwelling structure, or a building 2,500 square feet or larger used to house or shelter dairy cattle or poultry husbandry <i>Zoning?</i>	House Committee
HB	4943	New 8-40-1 to 6	To facilitate the creation of home-based businesses	facilitate creation of home-based businesses, with certain conditions including: A municipality shall not require a person as a condition of operating a home-based business to: (1) Rezone the property for commercial use; (2) Install or equip fire sprinklers in a single-family detached residential dwelling or any residential dwelling with not more than two dwelling units. See SB 541	Senate Committee
HB	4949	New 8a-13-1 to 3	To modify local permitting deadlines for permits, licenses, variances, or other types of approval from a governing body or planning commission of a municipality or county.	Gives local permitting deadlines: the governing body or planning commission of the municipality or county must approve or deny the applicant's request within 60 days. If request approved no additional requirements may be imposed on the applicant. If denied then the applicant must be provided with a statement in writing as to why. If denied due to being incomplete, the applicant must be provided with a statement in writing as to why incomplete. The time limit may be extended if a	House Committee

				request requires state or federal agency approval. Extension may not exceed 60 days unless approved by the applicant. See SB 782	
HB	4962	New 7-28-1, 8-40-1, 16-15-26	Modifying compulsory housing for hotels and motels	A city, town, county, or housing authority may not require a hotel or motel to participate in any program that houses homeless individuals or families in an unoccupied hotel or motel guest rooms through the use of a housing voucher	House Committee
HB	4974	New 19-39-1 and 2	To create the Save our Farmland and Protect our National Security Act	no person listed in the registry published by the Secretary of State under subsection (g), (foreign adversaries, terrorist exclusion list, international terrorism countries, ex ord 13224 and 13268 people) of this section, and no agent, trustee, or fiduciary of such a person, shall purchase or otherwise acquire agricultural land in this state. Committee Amendment <i>May affect zoning/comp plans?</i>	House Committee
HB	4993	New 15a-11-12	To mandate response by fire departments be based upon distance/travel time from fire scene	require that the fire commission establish a system of predetermined alarm assignments to assist fire departments with backup assistance based upon distance to an emergency. <i>May affect zoning/comp plan?</i>	House Committee
HB	5001	New 5-32-1 to 9	State Employee Paid Leave Act	create the State Employee Paid Leave Act ("SEPLA"), providing up to 12 weeks of paid family leave for state employees under qualified circumstance: birth, adoption, child health issue (may be taken intermittently), exigency due to armed forces active duty,	House Committee
HB	5009	New 7-1-17	Creating a process by which voters may recall a county ordinance in a special election	A county shall, upon presentation of a petition bearing the signatures, written in their own handwriting, of not less than 15 percent of the voters of the last general election, hold a special county election to submit to the qualified voters of such county the question of a recall of any ordinance or code provision previously enacted by the governance of the county. See HB 5058 for muni version <i>Affects WV8A ordinances</i>	House Committee
HB	5047	Amend 22-1-17 and 22-3-11	Amending surface mining reclamation requirements	Change penal amount of the bond to be adequate to assure that reclamation is completed, new bonds by for mining can't exceed 33% of all bonds held by state.	House Committee
HB	5058	Amend 8-12-4	Providing a process by which a city may hold an election to recall an ordinance	A city shall, upon presentation of a petition bearing the signatures, written in their own handwriting, of not less than 15 percent of the voters of the last general election, hold a special city election to	House Committee

				<p>submit to the qualified voters of such county the question of a recall of any ordinance or code provision previously enacted by the governance of the city.</p> <p>See HB 5009 for county version <i>Affects WV&A ordinances</i></p>	
HB	5072	New 15-17-1 to 4	To require drones used by state and county personnel to be produced in the United States	<p>See basics</p> <p><i>Added costs for drone use</i></p> <p>committee amendment</p>	House Committee
HB	5085	New 11-13-3h	To provide a tax credit for businesses who utilize recycling programs or recycling facilities	<p>Recycling as defined in 22-15-1 et. seq.</p> <p><i>Did not find definition when reviewed, unknown what defined as</i></p>	House Committee
HB	5088	New 7-1-17, 18-2-44, 18-5-52, 29-6-29	To require all state employees, county employees, and employees of county school boards to be subject to random drug testing	<p>See basics</p> <p>Drug testing as prescribed in 21-3e-1 et. seq.</p> <p>Must pass drug test prior to employment, 10% of all employees subject to random drug test each year.</p>	House Committee
HB	5089	Amend 24-2-11	Creating limited waiver from certificate of public convenience and necessity requirement for certain water or sewer services projects	<p>Requirement of certificate for: i) are funded in whole or in part by American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFR) monies, propose a rate increase solely related to the project of 20 percent or less, and have been reviewed and determined to be technically feasible and approved by the Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (IJDC); or ii) are funded in whole or in part by ARPA or SFR monies through Economic Enhancement Grant (EEG) funding, propose a rate increase solely related to the project of 20 percent or less, and have been reviewed and determined to be technically feasible by the IJDC and approved by the Water Development Authority: Provided, however, That this waiver shall expire on January 1, 2025.</p>	House Committee
HB	5097	Amend 5-1-225	Eliminate Daylight Savings Time in WV	<p>Beginning on and after July 1, 2024, Eastern Standard Time shall be the statewide official time, commencing at two o'clock antemeridian; this time shall apply to all public schools, institutions of higher learning, agencies, departments and political subdivisions of the state. (c) Beginning on and after July 1, 2024, the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall no longer be in effect and any reference to daylight saving time in this code shall be construed to mean Eastern Standard Time.</p>	House Committee
HB	5100	New 21-3f-1 to 9	The Healthy and Safe Workplace Act	<p>unlawful employment practice to subject an employee to an abusive work environment that exists when the defendant, acting with malice, subjects an employee to abusive conduct so severe</p>	House Committee

				that it causes tangible harm to the employee. The bill makes it an unlawful employment practice to retaliate in any manner against an employee who has made a charge, testified, assisted or participated in any manner against an employee who has made a charge, testified, assisted or participated in any manner in an investigation or proceeding regarding bullying in the workplace	
HB	5103	Amend 7-15-17 New 33-63-1	Relating to payment for EMS treatment without transport	allow county commissions to initiate collections for emergency ambulance services and to set a fee for those who refuse transport and to require insurance plans to cover special emergency ambulance service fees	House Committee
HB	5113	Amend 7-1-3, 7-1-3d, 7-17-10	To make the fire board or county commission responsible for the operations of every fire department within their county	grant administrative control of fire departments within a county to a county fire board or, in the absence of a fire board, to the county commission in that county when they are not already under administrative control of a municipal corporation	House Committee
HB	5115	Amend 11-1a-10	Relating to the valuation of farm property	require that land assessed as farm property in West Virginia for taxation purposes be assessed at the regular rate of taxation for the preceding three years after the sale of the property for development.	House Committee
HB	5164	Amend 8a-7-10, New 8-7-14, Amend 21-14-3, 29-3b-3, -30-42-3, 37-15-2, New 37-16-1 to 6	Relating to the land use, manufacture, installation, and safety certification of Fabricated Self-contained Expandable Box Built Permanent Homes	<p>Can't distinguish between Fabricated self-contained expandable box built permanent homes or "boxes", as defined in §37-16-2 of this code, and traditional construction.</p> <p>Has conditions for accessory dwelling units:</p> <p>Must be allowed on any lot where there is a SFH, duplex, triplex, townhome or other housing unit.</p> <p>Exempt accessory dwelling units from density requirements</p> <p>Setback can't be greater than 5 feet for accessory units</p> <p>Not subject to additional parking requirements</p> <p>Minimum 100 sq ft, can impose max size provided is not less than 1,200 sq ft</p> <p>Must have adequate sewer/water</p> <p>Can't limit use as short term rental</p> <p><i>Does not apply to deed restrictions/HOAs</i></p>	House Committee
HB	5169	New 55-22-1	Restricting foreign ownership of land and other interests in the State of West Virginia	<p>No foreign government, foreign business or foreign person, or any agent, trustee, or fiduciary thereof, shall purchase or otherwise acquire land in the State of West Virginia. A foreign government, foreign business or foreign person, or any agent, trustee, or fiduciary thereof, that owns or holds land in the State of West Virginia on July 1, 2024, shall divest of all right, title, and interest in the land not later than one year after July 1, 2024</p> <p>"Foreign government" means a government of: (A) Russia; (B) China; (C) Any country that has been</p>	House Committee

				designated as a state sponsor of terrorism under federal law. (3) "Foreign person" means a person who is a citizen of: (A) Russia; (B) China; (C) A country that has been designated as a state sponsor of terrorism under federal law.	
HB	5173	Amend 7-11-3 and 4	Relating to the election rather than appointment of members of the Parks and Recreation Commission of a county with a population greater than one hundred and fifty thousand.	require an election rather than appointment of members of the any parks and recreation commission of a county with a population of greater than one hundred and fifty thousand.	House Committee
HB	5201	Amend 7-15-4	Addressing the number of ambulance squads needed per affected population in every county	require counties to provide ambulance services at a ratio of one ambulance for every 20,000 residents.	House Committee
HB	5204	Amend 16-4c-6	Developing a program for equitable reimbursement rate for EMS transports and treatment in place	require the Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health to develop a program to reimburse emergency medical services for transport and treatment in place.	House Committee
HB	5216	New 7-1-17	Requiring all counties to establish a fire levy to support volunteer fire departments and EMS.	See basics	House Committee
HB	5217	New 47-6-1a	Recognizing United States currency as legal tender for all transactions private and public.	Does not make requirement on boundaries such as no large payments via coin, or no bills over x amount.	House Committee
HB	5221	Amend 21-5c-2	Increasing the minimum wage based upon increases in the consumer price index	The minimum wage (current 8.76 per hour) established pursuant to this section shall be adjusted upward once a year on September 1, to coincide with the amount of any increase in the consumer price index as calculated by the United States Department of Labor for the preceding year	House Committee
HB	5264	New 7-28-1 to 3 Amend 11-10-11c	Relating generally to the authorization and administration of optional county sales and use taxes and admission or amusement taxes	authorize and administer optional county sales and use taxes, admission, or amusement taxes and to provide terms for said administration.	House Committee
HB	5265	Amend 6-9a-3	Require governmental meetings to have agendas posted on websites three	require that the agenda for public meetings of the governing bodies of county and local government entities publish notice of meetings and the agenda for the meetings at least three days prior to the	House Committee

			days prior to the meeting	meeting and to publish the agenda for the meetings on the website of the governing body. <i>does this include sub-committees and boards?</i>	
HB	5279	Amend 7-1-3rr	Require all counties to link the records to one another	each county commission shall establish a website link to the public records of the county accessible by each county commission in the state, which shall include owners' property lines and transfer history of parcels within the county. Each county commission shall ensure that access to these public record is made available to the public	House Committee
HB	5280	New 11-13nn-1 to 7	West Virginia Short Line Railroad Modernization Act	create the West Virginia Short Line Railroad Modernization Act and tax credit allowed and credit limitations for short line railroad companies in West Virginia.	Senate committee
HB	5283	New 36-1-21a	Prohibiting certain foreign ownership of land	may not purchase or otherwise acquire title to agricultural land in this state if: (1) A governmental entity of China; (2) A company or other entity that is: (i) Headquartered in China; (ii) Directly or indirectly held or controlled by the government of China; or (iii) Owned by or the majority of stock or other ownership interest of which is held or controlled by individuals who are citizens of China; or	House Committee
HB	5288	Amend 3-5-1	Relating to the time and place of holding primary elections	Primary elections for the Office of President of the United States shall be held on the third Tuesday in February in 2028 and in each fourth year thereafter.	House Committee
HB	5294	Amend 60-	Revising state law regulating farm wineries	"Farm winery" means an establishment or cooperative located in the State of West Virginia on land zoned agricultural that has a vineyard, orchard, or similar growing area that produces fruits or other agricultural products used to manufacture the wine of such farm winery, subject to the production volume and other requirements set forth in §60-1-5a of this code. Committee amendment: gives classes of farm winery	Completed Legislation Effective May 1, 2024
HB	5300	Amend 18-2-5	Moving the school system from a 5 day work week into a 4 day work week.	implement a two year county pilot program to change the school week from five days to four days	House Committee
HB	5321	Amend 22-15a-30	Relating to requiring local governments to provide matching funds for grants from the Reclamation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties Program	County commissions, municipalities, urban renewal authorities created pursuant to §16- 18-1 et seq. of this code, and land reuse agencies and municipal land banks must provide matching funds in the amount of 20 percent of the total amount of a grant awarded to the entity by the Department	House Committee

HB	5327	New 5-11c-1 to 7	Housing Opportunities Made Equal Act	Prevent discriminatory housing practices	House Committee
HB	5333	New 37-6b-1 to 3	Relating to landlord and tenant	Tenant has right to seek police and emt services, victims of violence have right to terminate lease, tenant right to privacy	House Committee
HB	5350	Amend 19-25-5	Expanding the definition "recreational purposes" to include mountain biking activities	expand the definition of "recreational purposes" to include mountain biking activities as an activity for which the duty and liability of a landowner who grants a lease, easement or license of land to federal, state, county or municipal government or any agency thereof for such purposes is limited. Committee amendment: creates entire new article under chapter 20	House Committee
HB	5353	New 19-1-14	Prohibiting foreign adversaries from the purchase or ownership of agricultural land in this state	As consistent with 15 CFR 7.4, those groups deemed to be foreign adversaries shall be prohibited from the purchase or ownership of agricultural lands in this state.	House Committee
HB	5367	Amend 24-2-1	Internet Reliability Act	provide that Internet Service Providers, or "ISPs", shall be considered a telecommunications utility for regulatory purposes by the Public Service Commission.	House Committee
HB	5426	New 30-1-a-7	Protect Home-Based Work Act	A zoning ordinance, resolution, or regulation shall not: (1) Require a permit, licenses, registration, variance, or other type of prior approval from a local government for the purpose of home-based work; (2) Restrict the amount of floor space for home-based work; (3) Restrict the hours of operation for home-based work; (4) Prohibit mail order or telephone sales for home-based work; Prohibit the provision of lawful goods or services for home-based work to clients by appointment in the dwelling unit or accessory structure; (6) Prohibit resident or non-resident employees or independent contractors from working in the home or accessory structure; (7) Prohibit or require structural modifications to the dwelling unit or accessory structure for the purpose of home-based work; (8) Require rezoning for commercial use of the dwelling unit or accessory structure for the purpose of home-based work; or (9) Restrict storage or the use of equipment in the dwelling unit or accessor structure that does not constitute a nuisance outside the dwelling unit or accessory structure <i>Does not apply to deed restrictions or HOAs</i>	House Committee
HB	5437	Amend 17-16-6	Relating to time limits imposed on the Division of Highways to grant a highway entrance permit	(DOH) shall have 60 days from the time of application to approve or deny the requested permit. If no answer to the permit request is given from the DOH within that 60 days, then the permit is considered approved. If changes are requested based on the application for the permit, this request	Senate committee

				for changes may be done only once and the request for changes shall be considered satisfied if all changes from the first request are completed. If a matter concerning the application or request for changes is contested, the DOH has 30 days to respond and, if they do not respond in that 30 days, the original permit request shall be considered approved. If the application for a permit is rejected by the DOH within the time frame listed in this subsection, the denial must be contested in magistrate court in the county in which the permit was requested within 30 days of the denial.	
HB	5486	New 7-1-4a	To establish the County Home Rule Program as a permanent program.	Provides long list of various rules/regulations they can't pass rules/regulations against including: ~no occupation tax payable by non resident ~prohibit or limit the rental of a property or regulate the duration, frequency or location of such rental	House Committee
HB	5533	Amend 19-13-3, 19-19-1, 2, 4, and 7	Relating to clarifying the Right to Farm Act relating to residential agricultural operations and the protection of agriculture	<p>Can't infringe on or prohibit residential ag lands/urban ag and no need for permit to engage in urban ag, gives definition: "<i>Agricultural residential land</i>" shall mean any amount of land zoned for residential purposes, and the improvements or appurtenances thereon, used or usable for the purposes of urban agriculture in the production of food for consumption by the owner or operator of the residential agricultural land, or for the production and sale of non-potentially hazardous foods as defined by §19-35-2 of this code, limited to cultivation and/or tillage of the soil and by the conduct of apiary or poultry husbandry, and the practice of silviculture, horticulture, harvesting of silviculture conducted by the proprietor of the agricultural residential land, and all farm practices and for "Urban agriculture" shall mean the keeping, maintaining, raising, and/or harboring of up to six domesticated chicken hens or any apiary within any town, city, municipality, or political subdivision for personal consumption or the production and sale of a non-potentially hazardous food.</p> <p>The authority to prohibit, regulate, inspect, and permit managed bees and apiaries and to adopt rules on the placement and location of apiaries shall be preempted to the Commissioner and supersedes any related ordinance, charter, regulation, or law adopted by any county, municipalities, or political subdivision.</p> <p><i>Affects zoning</i></p>	House Committee
HB	5613	New 5-1-31	Creating plans to protect West Virginia from major crises	The following crises will be priorities: (1) Nuclear war, including nuclear strikes inside West Virginia; (2) Major disruptions of the energy grid, gas lines, rail systems, and river transportation in West Virginia, including disruptions resulting from high	Senate committee

				altitude electromagnetic pulse (HEMP) attacks, cyber-attacks, or physical attacks on key systems; (3) Major cyber-attacks creating long term disruptions to West Virginia's communications systems; (4) Invasion; and (5) Insurrection. (d) Plans created under subsection (c) of this section must include: (1) Preventative measures the state government can take to pre-empt the impact of the crises; (2) Mitigation measures; (3) Immediate response; (4) Remediation; and (5) Recovery.	
HB	5649	New 12-10-1 to 9, 47-6-4	Relating generally to the use of gold and silver as legal tender in the State of West Virginia	recognize gold and silver bullion and specie as legal tender in West Virginia, to authorize the West Virginia Bullion Depository, and to authorize the depository to issue transactional currency backed by gold and silver See SB 749	House Committee
HB	5657	New 7-2-9 Amend 8-1-3	To permit bridges and highways to be named for distinct residential communities that are traditionally identified by a single name as a separate community or town without being incorporated and remain a part of the county services., naming these communities as villages	county commission can vote to make communities as a "village" for symbolic or tourism purposes. This classification of a village is for those distinct residential communities that are traditionally identified by a single name as a separate community or town without being incorporated and remain a part of the county. The DOH may erect signs indicating the boundaries of such villages on roadways and bridges. Such a designation of a community as a "village" shall have no bearing on the classification of municipal corporations as otherwise set forth in §8-1-3 of this code for tax purposes.	House Committee
HB	5694	New 5a-13- 1 to 6	Relating to the Firearms Industry Nondiscrimination Act	"Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" means, with respect to the entity or association, to: (A) Refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association, which includes the lawful products and services provided by, and the lawful practices of, firearm entities and firearm trade associations; (B) Refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association, which includes the lawful products and services provided by, and the lawful practices of, firearm entities and firearm trade associations; or (C) Terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association, which includes the lawful products and services provided by, and the lawful practices of, firearm entities and firearm trade associations;	Senate Requests Concurrence 3-9-24
HB	5695	New 8-7-5 and 6	Relating to Community	establish the process by which a Community Enhancement District may petition for the decrease	House 1st reading

			Enhancement Districts	<p>of corporate limits within the district via petition with 15 acres or more created via 16-13e-1.</p> <p><i>Per WV 16-13e, community enhancement districts are to assist in the development, construction, acquisition, extension or improvement of a project or projects located in such county or municipality.</i></p>	Orig in Comm
HB	5696	Amend 20-17b-2	Relating to the upper Ohio Valley Trail Network	Makes Wood County not the Mon Co of the Mountaineer Trail Network Rec authority as the lead member of the Upper Ohio Valley Trail Network Rec Authority to establish the trail network.	<p>Completed Legislation</p> <p>Effective 90 days from passage June 6, 2024</p>
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