COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

Senate Bill No. 738

(By Senators Chafin, Caruth, Guills and Fanning)

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[Originating in the Committee on Government Organization; reported February 23, 2007.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17-16A-6a, relating to the West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority; requiring the authority to report a proposed toll or a toll revision to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance; and requiring the Legislature to vote on the proposed toll or a toll revision.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §17-16A-6a, to read as follows:

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

§17-16A-6a. Requirements for a proposed toll or a revision to a

toll.

- (a) Prior to the adoption of a new toll or a revision to an existing toll on any parkway project, the parkways authority shall
- report to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance the need for the toll, including any supporting documentation and any information requested by the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.
- (b) If, after the report by the parkways authority to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance, the parkways authority proposes a new toll or a revision to an existing toll,

then the question of the adoption of a new toll or a revision to an existing toll shall be put before the Legislature and approval of a new toll or a revision to an existing toll by an affirmative vote of the Legislature is required prior to the implementation of a new toll or a revision to an existing toll.