West Virginia University

The Student Assembly - Student Government Association

Assembly Bill: AB-2024-03-01

**AN ASSEMBLY BILL TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION'S SERVICE BYLAWS**

| **Short Title:**  | **Annual Pull Tab Collection** |
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**Whereas,** the WVU Student Government Association Vision Statement reads of, “supporting economic development, enhancing environmental stewardship, participating in meaningful community service, fostering healthy lifestyles, and developing innovating partnerships;” and,

**Whereas,** the WVU Mission Statement reads of a commitment “to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare, and prosperity for all by providing access and opportunity; by advancing high-impact research; and by leading transformation in West Virginia and the world through local, state and global engagement;” and,

**Whereas,** WVU Medicine has a mission to serve, stating “its commitment to service will not succeed, and will not endure unless it is an essential part of our daily life as an institution. Community and rural service is a part of every student's curriculum,” and;

**Whereas,** WVU’s Health Science Center’s mission is to “improve the health of West Virginians through the education of health professionals, through basic/clinical scientific research and research in rural healthcare delivery, through the provision of continuing professional education, and through participation in the provision of direct and supportive healthcare,” and;

**Whereas,** The Ronald McDonald House Charity of Morgantown & Pittsburgh is located on WVU Medicine property, adjacent to WVU’s Health Science Center, and;

**Whereas,** The Health Science Center is the home of the Institute for Community and Rural Health, and;

**Whereas,** The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Morgantown & Pittsburgh provides mobile healthcare to rural and underserved areas in WV & PA, as well as housing to families whose children are receiving medical care in the area at little to no cost, and;[[1]](#footnote-0)

**Whereas**, Tab collection in support of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Morgantown & Pittsburg accumulates between $5,000-$8,000 annually through the Pull Tab Recycling Program,[[2]](#footnote-1) which directly supports the charity's housing fund, and;

***Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:***

**Section 1:** The following subsection will be added to Article 9 Service bylaws:

**Article 9.2.2 Pull Tab Collection:** The executive officer appointed to oversee the community service aspect of SGA, along with the respective committee appointed to engage with service, will devise a plan to oversee the execution of pull tab collection on campus.

Responsibilities include:

a. The executive overseeing the initiative will see to the continuous collection of tabs throughout the year, starting with the first day of the fall semester and concluding with the last day of the spring semester.

b. Staying in contact with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Morgantown and Pittsburgh Representative at the beginning of each new administration, as well as organizing the tabs drop off date to the respective locations.

c. Oversee the placement of a donation bin at the Mountainlair, Rec Center, Health Science Center, and other locations (including the permanent donation bin in Arnold Hall), as well as, the continuous collection of pull tabs throughout campus.

d. Locate a central storage area for the collected tabs, such as the Executive Office or Conference Room.

e. Reactivate the Tab Collection opportunity on iServe and stay in contact with WVU’s Center for Community Engagement.

f. Coordinate with the outreach coordinator and social media coordinator to publicize and promote the opportunity to collect tabs for service hours.

g. Work with the VP to incorporate tab collection into SGA’s alumni relations.

h. Present updates at Student Government Association meetings.

i. More detailed information for tab collection can be located in the ‘Tab Transition Document.’

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1. Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown, “2022 Impact Report- Our Year in Numbers” [↑](#footnote-ref-0)
2. Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown, “Pull Tab Recycling Program” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)