WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1945

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 301

(By Mr. Ross of Mounds)

PASSED March 10 1945

In Effect From Passage

3.16
AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article five, chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as last amended, relating to national and state defense.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Section 3. Powers and Duties.—The “council” shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To adopt, amend, and repeal rules, regulations, and bylaws governing its procedure and activities.

(b) To cooperate with the “Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense” through its division of state and local cooperation, or with any similar federal
agencies hereafter created, and with any departments or other federal agencies engaged in defense activities.

(c) To cooperate with similar councils of defense in other states.

(d) To prepare, edit, and have printed a bulletin explaining the rights, benefits and opportunities available in West Virginia to veterans, service men and service women, and war workers. Upon the completion of the bulletin, the council shall deliver the copies of the bulletin to the department now existing or hereafter created for the rendition of service to veterans for appropriate distribution.

(e) To cooperate with local defense councils.

(f) To supervise and direct investigations, and report to the governor with recommendations for legislation or other appropriate action as it may deem necessary, with respect to the following matters insofar as they are or may be related to defense:

(1) Industrial materials and facilities.

(2) Production and manufacturing facilities.

(3) Agriculture, food supply, and land use.

(4) Transportation facilities.
(5) Labor supply and training labor relations, and human resources, professions, trades, and skills.

(6) Consumers and consumer protection.

(7) Housing and related facilities.

(8) Health, hospitals, and sanitation facilities.

(9) Welfare.

(10) Educational facilities.

(11) Recreational areas and facilities.

(12) Finance.

(13) Civil liberties, including but without limitation, the protection thereof, maintenance of law and order, and measures to guard against sabotage and subversive activities.

(14) Civil defense, including police mobilization, coordinated for fire protection, and disaster relief.

(15) Any other type of activity directly or indirectly related to defense.

(g) To create committees, either within or without its membership, to aid it in the discharge of its powers and duties.

(h) To require and direct the cooperation and assist-
ance of state and local governmental agencies and officials.

(i) To make full investigation as to all questions directly or indirectly relating to the powers or duties vested in it by this act, or by any other law.

(j) To do all acts and things, not inconsistent with law, for the furtherance of defense activities.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Charles C. Morris  
Chairman Senate Committee

J. W. Delugten Jr.  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the ________

Takes effect ________ from ________ passage.

Horace H. May  
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within ________ Approved ________ this the 16 ________ day of ________ March ________, 1945.

Governor.

Filed in the office of the secretary of state, West Virginia, March 19, 1945.