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(By Mr. Ross of Mercer)



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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  
2 have the following powers and duties:  
3 (a) To adopt, amend, and repeal rules, regulations,  
4 and bylaws governing its procedure and activities.  
5 (b) To cooperate with the “Advisory Commission to  
6 the Council of National Defense” through its division of  
7 state and local cooperation, or with any similar federal

8 agencies hereafter created, and with any departments  
9 or other federal agencies engaged in defense activities.

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

12 (d) To prepare, edit, and have printed a bulletin ex-  
13 plaining the rights, benefits and opportunities available in  
14 West Virginia to veterans, service men and service women,  
15 and war workers. Upon the completion of the bulletin,  
16 the council shall deliver the copies of the bulletin to the de-  
17 partment now existing or hereafter created for the rendi-  
18 tion of service to veterans for appropriate distribution.

19 (e) To cooperate with local defense councils.

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

25 (1) Industrial materials and facilities.

26 (2) Production and manufacturing facilities.

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

28 (4) Transportation facilities.

29 (5) Labor supply and training labor relations, and  
30 human resources, professions, trades, and skills.

31 (6) Consumers and consumer protection.

32 (7) Housing and related facilities.

33 (8) Health, hospitals, and sanitation facilities.

34 (9) Welfare.

35 (10) Educational facilities.

36 (11) Recreational areas and facilities.

37 (12) Finance.

38 (13) Civil liberties, including but without limitation, the  
39 protection thereof, maintenance of law and order, and mea-  
40 sures to guard against sabotage and subversive activities.

41 (14) Civil defense, including police mobilization, co-  
42 ordinated for fire protection, and disaster relief.

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

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

48 (h) To require and direct the cooperation and assist-

49   ance of state and local governmental agencies and offi-  
50   cials.

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

54       (j) To do all acts and things, not inconsistent with law,  
55   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. H. DeGruttis Jr.*

Chairman House Committee

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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*Approved*

this the

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day of

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, 1945.

*Robert Meadows*

Governor.



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of West Virginia  
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Wm. S. HERRICK,  
Secretary of State