

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1965



ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 658

(By Mr. Speaker, Mr. White)



PASSED March 4, 1965

In Effect Ninety days from Passage



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AN ACT to amend chapter twenty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated article one-a, relating to authority of the commissioner of labor to investigate and mediate labor disputes if requested by both parties to the dispute, or if he offers to do so and both parties agree thereto.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That chapter twenty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated article one-a, to read as follows:

**Article 1-a. Labor-Management Relations.**

**Section 1. Declaration of Policy.**—It is hereby declared  
2 as the public policy of this state that the best interests  
3 of the people of the state are served by the prevention  
4 or prompt settlement of labor disputes and that the vol-  
5 untary mediation of such disputes under the guidance  
6 and supervision of a governmental agency will tend to  
7 promote permanent industrial peace and the health, wel-  
8 fare, comfort and safety of the people of the state.

**Sec. 2. Investigation and Mediation by Commissioner**  
2 **of Certain Labor Disputes.**—The commissioner or his  
3 designated representative may investigate and mediate  
4 labor disputes between an employer and an employee  
5 group or union whether or not a collective bargaining  
6 agreement exists between such parties providing both  
7 parties to such dispute request in writing such interven-  
8 tion or provided the commissioner offers such service to  
9 both parties and both parties to the dispute agree in  
10 writing to the investigation or mediation. The commis-  
11 sioner may arbitrate such disputes or arrange for the  
12 selection of boards of arbitration on such terms as all of

13 the parties to such dispute may agree upon. Records  
14 of the department relating to labor disputes shall be  
15 confidential.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

*O. Roy Parker*

Chairman Senate Committee

*James W. Hoop*

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

*Howard Meyers*

Clerk of the Senate

*C. A. Blankenship*

Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Howard Hanson*

President of the Senate

*H. Laban White*

Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *8*  
day of *March*, 1965.

*Street C Smith*

Governor



Presented to Governor's Office

Mar. 6, 1965

12:20 P.M.