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HOUSE BILL No. 900

(By Mr. Myles)

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AN ACT to repeal article twenty-four, chapter seventeen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, creating the West Virginia historic commission, and to amend article one, chapter twenty-nine of said code, by adding to said article one, five new sections, designated sections four, five, six, seven and eight, establishing within the department of archives and history a division of historic road markers, providing that the state historian and archivist shall be director of the division, declaring legislative determination and policy, prescribing powers and duties of the director, imposing certain responsibilities upon the state road commissioner;
creating an advisory committee; and providing for a special highway marker fund.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article twenty-four, chapter seventeen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be repealed; and that article one, chapter twenty-nine of said code be amended by adding thereto five new sections, designated sections four, five, six, seven and eight, to read as follows:

ARTICLE I. DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY.

§29-1-4. Division of historic road markers created; state historian and archivist director.

1 There is hereby created and established within the department of archives and history a division of historic road markers. The state historian and archivist shall be ex officio the director of the division, and is hereinafter referred to as the director.

§29-1-5. Legislative determination and declaration of policy.

1 It is hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination and policy:

2 (a) That the state of West Virginia, being richly endowed in historic achievement, should erect and maintain
adequate and appropriate historic markers along its roads and highways to point out to tourists and identify for future generations the important role played by the state in the development of the United States of America.

(b) That since in past years several hundred historic road markers have been placed along the highways of the state, many of which have only recently been repaired and renovated, it is necessary to create an agency authorized and empowered to preserve and maintain such markers and to place such additional markers at appropriate places as shall be determined fitting and appropriate.

§20-1-6. Powers and duties of director; assistance of state road commissioner; acceptance of gifts, donations, contributions, bequests or devises; publication of marker booklet.

The director shall be authorized and empowered to purchase new historical road markers; replace old historical road markers; protect, preserve and display the Fairfax stones; purchase historical road markers for new highways, and, with the consent of the West Virginia turnpike commission, purchase historical road markers
for said turnpike; and formulate and prepare appropriate

copy for such markers.

The director shall determine the location of such mark-
ers, and it shall be the duty and responsibility of the
state road commissioner to handle the actual physical
placement thereof, the painting and repainting thereof
and the general maintenance of such markers. The cost
of such placement, painting and maintenance shall be
paid out of the appropriation made for such purposes.

The director is also authorized and empowered, with
the consent of the governor, to accept and receive gifts,
donations, contributions, bequests or devices of money,
security, or property, both real and personal, or any
interest therein; and said director may accept, receive
and administer same subject to any terms, limitations,
or restrictions placed thereon by the donor.

The director is authorized to publish and revise from
time to time a booklet entitled "West Virginia Historic
and Scenic Highway Markers," or any other document
deemed to be consistent with his powers and duties. The
director may establish a reasonable price for such book-
let or other document published and sell the same. Any
money received from the sale of such booklet or docu-
ments shall be deposited in the special fund hereinafter
created.

§29-1-7. Advisory committee.

There is hereby created an advisory committee of five
members to advise and make recommendations to the
director with respect to his duties regarding historic road
markers.

The members of the committee shall be the state road
commissioner, the commissioner of the department of
commerce, the commissioner of motor vehicles, and two
members of the West Virginia historical society. The
two members of the West Virginia historical society
shall be appointed and their appointments furnished to
the director in writing by the president of said society.
The members of said committee shall serve without pay,
but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual ex-
penses incurred in the performance of duties authorized
and approved by the director.
§29-1-8. Special fund created.

1 There is hereby created a special revenue fund to be designated the “Historic Highway Marker Fund.” All moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes set out herein and received from the sale of publications authorized by section six shall be deposited in said fund and shall be expended therefrom for authorized purposes only.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 17th day of March, 1967.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date  3/17/67

Time  9:30 am