WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1967

ENROLLED
SENATE BILL NO. 98

(By Mr. Baker)

PASSED February 7, 1967

In Effect from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article one, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to duties of the commissioner.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

§19-1-4. Duties of commissioner.

The commissioner of agriculture shall perform the following duties:
(a) Devise means of advancing the agricultural interests of the state, and, in the performance of such duty, he shall have authority to call upon any state department, or officer of the state or county, to cooperate with him in promoting the agricultural interests of the state. It shall be the duty of any such department, or officer, upon request of the commissioner, to render the assistance desired;

(b) Promote and encourage the organization of such societies and associations as have for their object the improvement and development of the state's agricultural, horticultural and kindred interests, especially in production, processing for market and distribution;

(c) Conduct cooperative work with the United States department of agriculture in inspecting and determining the grade and condition of farm produce at collecting centers, receiving centers and shipping points;

(d) Induce the investment of capital in, and immigration into, this state by this dissemination of information relative to the soil, climate, health, natural resources, market opportunities and advantages of the state;
(e) Investigate and report upon the kinds, conditions and extent of the mineral products of the state and their value;

(f) Take charge of the museum of the department of agriculture, collect, preserve and exhibit therein specimens of agricultural, horticultural and kindred products, products of the forest, minerals, flora and fauna of the state;

(g) Publish and distribute from time to time such reports and bulletins concerning agriculture, horticulture and kindred subjects as may be of value to the farmers of the state, and, as conditions may demand, publish a handbook giving the resources of the several counties of the state, the varieties of soil and products, both mineral and vegetable, and the adaptability of the different sections of the state to the different branches of agriculture, horticulture and kindred interests;

(h) Submit a biennial report to the governor and Legislature containing such information as to the operations of the department as may be helpful to the agricultural interests of the state, together with an itemized statement of all receipts and disbursements during the bi-
ennial period covered thereby, and giving the name of
every person employed during such period, the time
employed, and the amount paid each employee;
(i) Perform such other duties and exercise such other
powers as are provided in this chapter and by general
law;
(j) Promulgate and adopt rules, regulations and stand-
ards for the purpose of carrying out the requirements of
this chapter.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect 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 1st day of February, 1967.

Governor