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SENATE BILL NO. 98

(By Mrs. Baker.....)

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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
2 following duties:

3 (a) Devise means of advancing the agricultural in-
4 terests of the state, and, in the performance of such duty,
5 he shall have authority to call upon any state department,
6 or officer of the state or county, to cooperate with him in
7 promoting the agricultural interests of the state. It shall
8 be the duty of any such department, or officer, upon
9 request of the commissioner, to render the assistance
10 desired;

11 (b) Promote and encourage the organization of such
12 societies and associations as have for their object the
13 improvement and development of the state's agricultural,
14 horticultural and kindred interests, especially in pro-
15 duction, processing for market and distribution;

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

20 (d) Induce the investment of capital in, and immi-
21 gration into, this state by this dissemination of informa-
22 tion relative to the soil, climate, health, natural resources,
23 market opportunities and advantages of the state;

24 (e) Investigate and report upon the kinds, conditions
25 and extent of the mineral products of the state and their
26 value;

27 (f) Take charge of the museum of the department of ag-
28 riculture, collect, preserve and exhibit therein specimens
29 of agricultural, horticultural and kindred products, prod-
30 ucts of the forest, minerals, flora and fauna of the state;

31 (g) Publish and distribute from time to time such
32 reports and bulletins concerning agriculture, horticulture
33 and kindred subjects as may be of value to the farmers
34 of the state, and, as conditions may demand, publish a
35 handbook giving the resources of the several counties
36 of the state, the varieties of soil and products, both min-
37 eral and vegetable, and the adaptability of the different
38 sections of the state to the different branches of agricul-
39 ture, horticulture and kindred interests;

40 (h) Submit a biennial report to the governor and Leg-
41 islature containing such information as to the operations
42 of the department as may be helpful to the agricultural
43 interests of the state, together with an itemized state-
44 ment of all receipts and disbursements during the bi-

45 enial period covered thereby, and giving the name of
46 every person employed during such period, the time
47 employed, and the amount paid each employee;

48 (i) Perform such other duties and exercise such other
49 powers as are provided in this chapter and by general
50 law;

51 (j) Promulgate and adopt rules, regulations and stand-
52 ards for the purpose of carrying out the requirements of
53 this chapter.

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

William Tompiz
Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton C. Davidson
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect *from* _____ Passage.

Howard Meyer
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Howard E. Carson
President of the Senate

H. Saban White
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *14*
day of *February*, 1967.

Walter C. Smith
Governor



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