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AN ACT to amend and reenact article twenty-five, chapter eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to planning and development; the powers and duties of the governor with respect thereto; the delineation of regions and publication, hearing and certification requirements with respect thereto; the establishment of regional councils for planning and development purposes; the meetings, membership, organization, powers and duties of such regional councils; the receipt, expenditure and appropriation of funds by such regional councils; review functions; the establishment of executive committees of, advisory committees for, and

citizens' participation in, such regional councils; preparation, submission and approval of the annual budget of such regional councils; effect on existing organizations and pending applications for funds or grants; and a rule of construction.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 25. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS-REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

§8-25-1. Legislative findings and purposes.

1 The Legislature hereby finds and declares that as a
2 result of changes in the economy, population shifts, new
3 transportation demands and increasing demands for
4 public services, and as a result of increasing complexity
5 in government programs and added demands on public
6 revenues, there is a need to plan comprehensively for
7 the future development of West Virginia and to provide
8 for the efficient management of limited public revenues
9 for the purpose of promoting the orderly development
10 of the state and harmonizing the development of the

11 state's governmental, social, economic, environmental
12 and physical resources, while maintaining acceptable
13 levels of public services and facilities toward the end of
14 promoting the general health, safety and welfare of all
15 its citizens. The Legislature further finds that the
16 responsibility for planning and development rests with
17 the governor of the state, as the state's chief planning
18 officer. The Legislature hereby further finds and de-
19 clares that problems of growth and development so
20 transcend the boundary lines of governmental units that
21 no single unit can plan for the solution of these problems
22 without affecting other units of government; that inter-
23 governmental cooperation on a regional basis is an effec-
24 tive method to approach common planning and develop-
25 ment problems and to seek more efficient and economical
26 solutions to common problems of local government; and
27 that assistance of the state is needed to make the most
28 effective use of local, state, federal and private resources
29 and funding in serving the citizens of all the state and
30 of such regions; and the Legislature further finds that
31 any assistance provided by the state for the purpose of

32 this article is for the benefit of all its citizens and for a
33 public purpose.

34 It is, therefore, the purpose of this article to delegate
35 to the governor, the responsibility for planning and
36 development in order to (1) achieve the objectives and
37 policies necessary for the orderly growth and develop-
38 ment of the state; (2) facilitate intergovernmental co-
39 operation; and (3) designate regions and provide for the
40 creation of regional planning and development councils;
41 all being hereby declared to be public purposes.

§8-25-2. Definitions.

1 The following terms, wherever used or referred to in
2 this article, shall have the following meanings unless
3 a different meaning clearly appears from the con-
4 text:

5 (a) "Comprehensive planning" shall mean the pro-
6 cess of (1) assessing, within a geographic area, the needs
7 and resources of the area; (2) formulating goals, ob-
8 jectives, policies and standards to guide its long-range
9 governmental, social, economic, environmental and
10 physical development; and (3) preparing plans and pro-

11 grams therefor which (a) identify alternative courses
 12 of action and the spatial and functional relationships
 13 among the activities to be carried out thereunder; (b)
 14 specify the appropriate ordering in time of such activi-
 15 ties; (c) take into account other relevant factors affecting
 16 the achievement of the desired development of the area;
 17 and (d) provide an overall framework and guide for
 18 the preparation of functional and project development
 19 plans.

20 (b) "Development" shall mean the process of imple-
 21 menting, carrying out, effectuating, administering or
 22 otherwise performing the activities, processes, steps or
 23 operations as necessary to meet the comprehensive plan-
 24 ning goals, objectives, programs and plans formulated,
 25 accepted, adopted or approved as a result of compre-
 26 hensive planning.

27 (c) "Region" shall mean a specific geographic area
 28 consisting of at least one county or two or more contiguous
 29 counties in which a regional council may exercise au-
 30 thority and powers in accordance with the provisions
 31 of this article.

32 (d) "Regional council" shall mean a regional plan-
33 ning and development council established pursuant to
34 the provisions of this article.

**§8-25-3. Powers and duties of the governor pursuant to plan-
ning and development.**

1 The governor, as chief executive officer of the state,
2 shall be responsible for planning and development of
3 the state's governmental, social, health, economic, en-
4 vironmental and physical resources. In executing this
5 responsibility, the governor shall:

6 (1) Prepare, revise and update state development
7 plans which he shall, at least annually, submit to the
8 Legislature. Such plans shall identify and stress state-
9 wide goals, objectives and opportunities, giving appro-
10 priate consideration to regional council and local govern-
11 mental plans; and shall include, but not be limited to,
12 population and economic analysis; appraisals of the
13 state's natural resources; general land use policies; policies
14 for housing and urban development; transportation poli-
15 cies; policies for health services; manpower programs;
16 employment opportunities; education; law enforcement;
17 environmental protection and other programs; projection

18 of needs for public facilities, recreation and open space;
19 and policies for intergovernmental relations and govern-
20 mental organization: *Provided*, That once a regional plan
21 is submitted to the governor by a regional council for his
22 consideration in preparing, revising or updating a state
23 plan, the governor shall have a period of sixty days
24 from the date such regional plan is received by him
25 within which to specify in writing to the regional council
26 his objection or objections to such regional plan, and if
27 no such objection or objections are so specified, then
28 such regional plan shall become a part of the state plan
29 being prepared, revised or updated; and if any such
30 objection or objections are so specified, the regional
31 council shall have a period of sixty days from the date
32 of receipt of such specification within which to modify
33 its regional plan or otherwise respond to such objection
34 or objections, and, thereafter, the governor shall, in
35 preparing, revising or updating a state plan, give such
36 consideration to such original regional plan, modified
37 regional plan or other response of the regional council,
38 as the case may be, as he deems appropriate;

39 (2) Advise and consult with regional councils and
40 regional and local planning agencies in developing state
41 development plans and studies;

42 (3) Facilitate the coordination of planning and de-
43 velopment activities of all state departments, agencies
44 and institutions; local governments; regional councils;
45 and other public and private agencies within the
46 state;

47 (4) Review local, areawide and state applications for
48 planning and development assistance;

49 (5) Review and appraise the progress of state govern-
50 ment in achieving the goals and objectives set forth in the
51 state development plans;

52 (6) Monitor and coordinate the state's participation
53 in federal and state aid programs and be responsible
54 for liaison with the appropriate federal and state agen-
55 cies; and be responsible for all federal programs which
56 require the designation of responsible state agencies, if
57 no other state agency has heretofore been legally desig-
58 nated;

59 (7) Assist local governments, regional councils and

60 other public bodies in obtaining federal, state or other
61 available funds and services;

62 (8) Facilitate state and local capital improvement
63 projects to meet the requirements of industrial and socio-
64 economic development in various governmental units
65 within the state;

66 (9) Provide professional and technical assistance and
67 make information available to regional councils and
68 local governments within the state; and be responsible
69 for receiving and disseminating information regarding
70 federal grant assistance within the state; and

71 (10) Apply for and accept advances, grants, contri-
72 butions and other forms of assistance from the state
73 or federal government or from any private or public
74 agencies or foundations, to carry out the provisions of
75 this article.

**§8-25-4. Delineation of regions; recommendations of governor,
publication; public hearings; certification, change in
delineation.**

1 (a) Within sixty days after the effective date of
2 this article, the governor shall define and recommend
3 for the purposes of this article regional boundaries em-

4 bracing each municipality and county within the
5 state.

6 (b) In delineating boundaries of the regions, the gov-
7 ernor shall consider such factors as the units of local
8 government shall express by proper resolution, including
9 community interest and homogeneity; geographic fea-
10 tures and natural boundaries; patterns of communication
11 and transportation; patterns of urban development; uni-
12 formity of social and economic problems; special prob-
13 lems, boundaries of existing metropolitan and other sub-
14 state planning and administrative areas; and utility of
15 the proposed boundaries for efficient provision of govern-
16 mental services. Municipalities shall not be divided when
17 forming a region, except insofar as it is necessary to
18 keep multi-county municipalities within a region.

19 (c) The governor shall, within six months after the
20 effective date of this article, certify to the secretary of
21 state the boundaries of each region.

22 (d) Not less than sixty days prior to the certification
23 of the boundaries of any region, the governor shall cause
24 a statement setting forth the counties to be included

25 within the boundary of the proposed region to be pub-
26 lished as a Class I-0 legal advertisement in compliance
27 with the provisions of article three, chapter fifty-nine of
28 this code, and the publication area for such publication
29 shall be the proposed region. The governor shall forward
30 a copy of the statement to the principal executive officer
31 or officers of each municipality and county located within
32 the proposed region.

33 (e) Prior to the time that the governor shall certify
34 the boundaries of a region, he or his designee shall con-
35 duct at least one public hearing at a convenient place
36 within the proposed region. The governor shall advertise
37 the meeting by means of a Class I-0 legal advertisement
38 in compliance with the provisions of said article three,
39 and the publication area for such advertisement shall
40 be the proposed region. All public and private organ-
41 izations located in, and all individuals residing in, mu-
42 nicipalities or counties within or adjacent to the proposed
43 region shall be permitted to appear and testify on matters
44 pertaining to its boundaries.

45 (f) At any time following the certification of the
46 boundaries of any region, the governor may change such

47 boundaries, pursuant to the criteria and procedures set
48 forth in subsections (b), (c), (d) and (e) of this section.

**§8-25-5. Regional councils; organization meetings; formation;
receipt of funds and assistance; effect on existing
organizations.**

1 (a) The governor shall provide for an organizational
2 meeting of each of the regional councils within sixty days
3 after his certification pursuant to section four of this
4 article. He shall notify the president of each county court
5 and the mayor of each municipality of the region of the
6 time and place of such meeting. The official so noti-
7 fied shall attend this meeting or shall designate a repre-
8 sentative. In the case of the county court, another mem-
9 ber of the court shall be the designee or, in the case
10 of a municipality, a member of the governing body of
11 such municipality shall be the designee. Those present
12 shall constitute a quorum and shall select a temporary
13 chairman and secretary and shall provide for a sub-
14 sequent meeting or meetings at which time the members
15 provided for in section six of this article shall be nom-
16 inated and elected and the permanent organization and
17 bylaws established.

18 (b) Each regional council formed pursuant to this
 19 article shall fulfill the purposes of development regions
 20 and shall be eligible to receive state funds and technical
 21 assistance in accordance with the provisions of this
 22 article.

23 (c) (1) Nothing herein contained shall in any way
 24 limit or restrict the powers, duties and responsibilities of
 25 planning bodies organized under article twenty-six of
 26 this chapter relating to interstate planning commis-
 27 sions.

28 (2) Interstate planning commissions in existence on
 29 the effective date of this article are hereby designated
 30 as the planning and development councils for the region,
 31 insofar as the West Virginia member counties of such
 32 interstate planning commissions are concerned, and such
 33 commissions shall be empowered to act as the planning
 34 and development councils for such regions insofar as
 35 the West Virginia member counties are concerned.

36 (3) When additional West Virginia counties are added,
 37 under the provisions of this article, to such interstate
 38 planning commissions, their membership in such com-

39 missions shall comply, insofar as the West Virginia coun-
40 ties are concerned, with the council membership require-
41 ments of this article.

42 (4) Regional councils or commissions established
43 under this article and article twenty-six of this chapter
44 may, at the option of the county courts of the partici-
45 pating West Virginia counties, continue to have all the
46 powers, duties and responsibilities permitted and re-
47 quired under said article twenty-six, in addition to the
48 powers, duties and responsibilities provided herein for
49 regional councils.

50 (5) State regional councils or commissions and their
51 corresponding boundaries in existence on the effective
52 date of this article, which were established under the
53 former provisions of this article, and any nonprofit cor-
54 poration in existence on the effective date of this article,
55 which was established under chapter thirty-one of this
56 code and pursuant to section eighteen, article five, chap-
57 ter seven of this code and which has had in its employ
58 a full-time paid executive staff for a period of no less
59 than six months immediately prior to the effective date

60 of this article, may be designated by the governor as
61 planning and development regions and regional councils.
62 Such designation shall be made within sixty days after
63 the effective date of this article. Regional councils so
64 designated shall have a period of six months from the
65 date of designation to comply with the membership
66 structure required by this article. Nothing herein con-
67 tained shall be construed to deprive such existing state
68 regional councils of their legal authority prior to the
69 expiration of the aforementioned six-month period.

**§8-25-6. Regional councils; membership; organization; execu-
tive committee.**

1 (a) All municipalities and all counties within the
2 region shall be represented on the regional council. The
3 county representative shall be the president of the county
4 court or a member of the county court designated by
5 him. The municipal representative shall be the mayor
6 or a member of the governing body designated by him.
7 The number of members of the regional council by virtue
8 of this subsection shall comprise not less than fifty-one
9 percent of the total number of members.

10 (b) Regional council members serving by virtue of
11 subsection (a) of this section shall select additional
12 members to serve on the council to represent principal
13 community or regional interests, including, but not lim-
14 ited to, commerce, industry, labor, agriculture, educa-
15 tion, health and any such interests as may be required
16 by federal law or regulations. The selection of such
17 members shall also provide for reasonable representation
18 of geographic, economic and ethnic groups without ex-
19 clusion of significant minority groups. Subsequent
20 changes in the designation of representatives shall be
21 determined by the regional council. The number of
22 members serving by virtue of this subsection shall not
23 exceed forty-nine percent of the total number of mem-
24 bers.

25 (c) Each regional council shall select from its mem-
26 bership a chairman, who shall preside at each council
27 meeting, and an executive committee, which shall be
28 comprised of one representative from each county court
29 and one representative from the largest municipality

30 within each county in the region and such other mem-
31 bers as the aforesaid representatives may select, but
32 such other members so selected shall not constitute more
33 than forty-nine percent of the total membership of the
34 executive committee. The executive committee shall
35 perform such administrative duties as are prescribed by
36 the regional council in its bylaws and shall exercise the
37 review function provided for in section nine of this
38 article. Each regional council may further provide for
39 such other officers as it shall deem necessary and may
40 establish other committees which may include citizens
41 who are not regional council members.

42 (d) Each regional council shall establish personnel
43 rules and shall appoint a director who shall be qualified
44 by reason of training and experience. The director shall
45 be empowered to appoint and remove other employees
46 in accordance with the regional council's personnel rules.
47 He may, with the approval of the executive committee,
48 enter into agreements with governmental agencies within
49 the region for the use of personnel, equipment and
50 facilities.

§8-25-7. Contracts.

1 Each regional council is empowered and authorized
2 to contract for services of consultants to perform plan-
3 ning, development, engineering, legal or other services
4 of a professional, specialized or technical nature; and
5 such consultants shall be persons appropriately qualified
6 under state statutes dealing with the applicable profession
7 or occupation. Each such contract must have the ex-
8 press approval of the regional council or the executive
9 committee. Such contracts shall not be subject to any
10 law relating to public bidding: *Provided*, That every
11 contract of the council for the purchase of merchandise,
12 materials or supplies in the amount of one thousand
13 dollars or more shall be let to the lowest responsible
14 bidder after notice requesting such bids has been pub-
15 lished as a Class I-0 legal advertisement in compliance
16 with the provisions of article three, chapter fifty-nine
17 of this code, and the publication area for this publication
18 shall be the region in question.

§8-25-8. Powers and duties of regional councils generally.

1 Each regional council may:

2 (a) Continuously engage in comprehensive planning
3 and development processes and prepare, and from time
4 to time revise, amend, extend or add to, a plan or plans
5 for the development of the region consistent with any
6 state comprehensive planning and development objec-
7 tives and reflecting plans and programs of the partici-
8 pating governmental units. Any such plan or plans shall
9 be based on studies of governmental, social, economic,
10 environmental and physical conditions and trends, and
11 shall aim at the coordinated development of the region
12 in order to promote the general health, welfare, con-
13 venience and prosperity of its people. Such plan or plans,
14 or parts thereof, shall be prepared by persons appro-
15 priately qualified under state statutes dealing with the
16 applicable profession or occupation. Such plan or plans
17 shall be submitted for review to the appropriate agencies
18 in accordance with the provisions of this article. The
19 plan or plans shall embody the policy recommendations
20 of the regional council, and may include, but shall not
21 be limited to: (1) A statement of goals, objectives, stan-
22 dards and principles sought to be expressed in the plan

23 or plans to guide economic, social, environmental and
24 human resource development; (2) recommendations for
25 transportation networks in the region, including land,
26 water and air transportation, and for communication
27 facilities; (3) recommendations concerning the need for
28 and proposed general location of public and private works
29 and facilities, which by reason of their function, size,
30 extent or for any other cause are of a regional, as dis-
31 tinguished from a purely local concern; and (4) recom-
32 mendations for the long-range programming and financing
33 of capital projects and facilities.

34 (b) Prepare and from time to time revise, amend,
35 extend or add to a regional development program to
36 implement the policies contained in the comprehensive
37 development plan for the region. The program shall
38 contain a listing of development projects and programs,
39 priorities for the financing of these projects and pro-
40 grams and recommended methods for project and pro-
41 gram financing.

42 (c) Prepare and recommend ordinances, rules and
43 regulations which would implement regional and local
44 plans.

45 (d) Prepare and publish studies of the region's re-
46 sources, both natural and human, with respect to exist-
47 ing and emerging problems of industry, commerce, trans-
48 portation, population, housing, agriculture, environment,
49 health, education, welfare, public service, local govern-
50 ments and any other matters which are relevant to re-
51 gional planning.

52 (e) Collect, process and analyze the social and eco-
53 nomic statistics for the region which are necessary to
54 planning studies and make the results of such collection,
55 processing and analysis available to the general public.

56 (f) Participate with other governmental agencies,
57 educational institutions and private organizations in the
58 coordination of the regional research and educational
59 activities described in subdivisions (d), (e) and (h) of
60 this section.

61 (g) Cooperate with, and provide, upon request, plan-
62 ning and technical assistance to municipalities, counties
63 and planning and development agencies within the re-
64 gion, and coordinate regional planning with the plan-
65 ning activities and plans of the state and of the mu-

66 municipalities and counties within the region, as well as
67 neighboring areas, including those in adjoining states,
68 and the programs of federal departments and agencies.

69 (h) Provide information to officials, departments,
70 agencies and instrumentalities of the federal, state and
71 local governments and to the public at large, in order to
72 foster public awareness and understanding of the ob-
73 jectives of the regional plans and the functions of the
74 regional and local planning and development councils,
75 and to stimulate public interest and participation in the
76 orderly, integrated development of the region.

77 (i) Apply for, accept and expend funds and grants
78 provided for the purposes hereof by the government of
79 the United States or its departments or agencies; by
80 departments and agencies of the state or any other state;
81 by one or more municipalities, counties or other political
82 subdivisions of this state or of any other state; or by
83 any other agency, public or private; or from any indi-
84 vidual whose interests are in harmony with the purposes
85 hereof, including planning councils and commissions, all in
86 accordance with any federal requirements and subject

87 to any conditions or limitations of the constitution or
88 laws of this state.

89 (j) Perform development on a regional basis as neces-
90 sary to undertake, complete or accomplish the goals and
91 purposes of comprehensive planning in the region by
92 intergovernmental contract or joint enterprises, or both,
93 with local governmental units or combinations of such
94 units pursuant to article twenty-three of this chapter.

95 (k) Exercise powers jointly or in cooperation with
96 agencies or political subdivisions of the state of West
97 Virginia or any other state, or with agencies of the
98 United States, subject to constitutional and statutory pro-
99 visions applicable to interjurisdictional agreements.

100 (l) Adopt bylaws and such other rules and regula-
101 tions as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of
102 this article.

103 (m) Exercise all other powers and authority neces-
104 sary and proper for the discharge of its duties.

§8-25-9. Review.

1 Each regional council shall review all applications of
2 governmental units or independent agencies within the

3 region for loans or grants from the federal government
4 or any of its agencies or the state of West Virginia or
5 any of its agencies. All recommendations and comments
6 on applications for the aforementioned funding programs
7 shall be forwarded to the governor. Each council shall
8 establish and maintain a clearinghouse for the purpose
9 of establishing required review procedures in compliance
10 with the "Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968
11 (Public Law 90-557)," and the "Demonstration Cities
12 and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 (Public Law
13 87-754)," and the rules and regulations pertaining thereto,
14 as promulgated by the United States office of management
15 and budget. The state review agency designated by the
16 governor shall inform regional councils of state review
17 findings relating to applications submitted from within
18 the jurisdiction of each council.

**§8-25-10. Cooperation with and by other planning agencies or
development agencies, or both, governmental units
and officials.**

1 To effectuate the purposes of this article, regional
2 councils shall cooperate with planning agencies or devel-
3 opment agencies within the region or within other re-

4 gions, with the governing bodies and administrative offi-
5 cials of any municipality, county or any other political
6 subdivision, including those in other states, or with any
7 other entity, private or public, whose interests are in
8 harmony with the purposes of this article, in order to
9 coordinate and harmonize planning and development for
10 the cooperating units. All state departments and agencies
11 shall cooperate with regional councils established under
12 this article and shall make available for the studies con-
13 ducted by such councils, reports, data and other infor-
14 mational and technical assistance within financial and
15 personnel limitations. Each regional council may appoint
16 such committees and may adopt such rules and regula-
17 tions as may be proper to effect such coordination and
18 integration. The governing bodies and administrative
19 officials of municipalities, counties and other political
20 subdivisions within this state are hereby empowered and
21 authorized to cooperate with such planning and develop-
22 ment agencies and with the governing bodies and ad-
23 ministrative officials of political subdivisions and plan-
24 ning and development agencies in other states for the

25 purpose of such coordination and integration in accordance
26 with the provisions of this article.

§8-25-11. Citizens' participation and advisory committees.

1 Each regional council may appoint advisory committees
2 of interested and affected citizens to assist in the review
3 of plans, programs and other purposes of this article re-
4 ferred for review by the regional council. Whenever a
5 special advisory committee is required by any federal or
6 state regional program, the regional council chairman
7 shall, with approval of the executive committee, appoint
8 such committees as advisory groups to the regional coun-
9 cil.

**§8-25-12. Annual budget; depositories; expenditures; appro-
priations.**

1 Each regional council shall adopt an annual budget, to
2 be submitted to the participating governmental units
3 which shall each contribute to the financing of the council
4 according to a formula adopted by the council and ap-
5 proved by a majority of the counties and a majority of
6 the municipalities participating in the regional council.
7 All such contributions shall be fair and equitable and shall

8 be based on the population of each participating govern-
9 mental unit as determined on the basis of the latest
10 decennial census, or such other criteria as may be deter-
11 mined by each respective regional council. Each partici-
12 pating county and municipality is hereby directed and
13 empowered to pay over and contribute to the operation
14 of said councils in accordance with the formula adopted
15 as hereinbefore provided. Such sums, as are appropriated
16 hereunder, may be transferred to the regional councils
17 for deposit and disbursement as the regional councils may
18 designate and direct. By such transfer, the governing body
19 designates the regional council as its disbursing agent.

§8-25-13. Annual report.

1 On or before July thirty-first of each year, each regional
2 council shall prepare an annual report. The regional
3 council shall submit copies of the report to the participat-
4 ing governmental units and to the governor. The report
5 shall include the following:

6 (a) A consolidated statement of the regional council's
7 receipts and expenditures by category since the preceding
8 report.

9 (b) A consolidated, detailed regional council budget
10 for the year in which the report is filed and the following
11 year including an outline of its program for such period.

12 (c) A description of any comprehensive plan adopted
13 in whole or in part for the region.

14 (d) Summaries of any studies and development pro-
15 gress and the recommendations resulting therefrom made
16 for the region.

17 (e) A listing of all applications for federal grants or
18 loans submitted by the governmental units within the
19 region together with the action taken by the regional
20 council in relation thereto.

21 (f) A listing of plans of local governmental units sub-
22 mitted to the region and actions taken in relation thereto.

23 (g) Recommendations of the regional council regard-
24 ing federal and state programs, cooperation, funding and
25 legislative needs.

§8-25-14. Effect upon pending projects and applications.

1 Any of the provisions of this article to the contrary not-
2 withstanding, no pending application for federal or state
3 grants, loans, mortgages or other types of funding nor any

4 application for grants, loans, mortgages or other types of
5 funding intended to supplement a pending project shall be
6 required to be approved by any such regional council nor
7 shall any such pending application be delayed or disap-
8 proved by reason of the provisions of this article.

§8-25-15. Construction.

1 The provisions of this article shall be liberally construed
2 to accomplish its objectives and purposes.

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

Russell M. Beane
Chairman Senate Committee

Phyllis J. Rutledge
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

John M. Green
Clerk of the Senate

V. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

John G. Fount
President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 17th
day of November, 1971.

Arch A. Shance Jr.
Governor



PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 11/9/71
Time 1:10 p.m.