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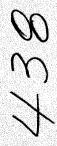
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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections two, three, six, eight, eleven, twelve, twenty-one, twenty-two and twenty-four, article eighteen, chapter thirty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; and to further amend said article by adding thereto two new sections, designated sections twenty-a and twenty-b, all relating to the West Virginia housing development fund; relating to legislative findings and purposes; setting forth new legislative findings and purposes and particularly concerning certain reasons for and effects from the shortage of decent, safe and sanitary residential housing in the state of West Virginia and the inadequacy of land development, including the extension and construction of water systems, non-polluting sewage systems, other utility facilities and off-highway streets and roads in the state of West Virginia; relating to the definition of certain terms; providing additional definitions; relating to the powers, authorities and rights of the housing development fund; providing new powers, authorities and rights particularly respecting types of loans which the housing development fund may make and the security for the repayment of borrowings the proceeds of which are used by the housing development fund to make certain loans; vesting in the housing development fund the rights, powers and authorities of a public housing authority; relating to notes and bonds issued under said article eighteen; relating to the provisions of authorizing resolutions; relating to the validity of any pledge, mortgage, deed of trust or security

instrument; authorizing the creation of a land development fund; relating to such land development fund generally; establishing a special fund in the state treasury under the supervision of the state sinking fund commission, such special fund to be known as the "mortgage finance bond insurance fund"; providing for deposit of certain moneys therein and payments therefrom; relating to such special fund generally; providing for appropriations to cover deficiencies in such special fund and reimbursements of the state from certain sources; providing prohibitions; relating to termination or dissolution of the housing development fund; relating to annual audit; requiring reports to the joint committee on government and finance; requiring the housing development fund to furnish other information upon demand of said joint committee or the legislative auditor; and providing a severability clause.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections two, three, six, eight, eleven, twelve, twenty-one, twenty-two and twenty-four, article eighteen, chapter thirty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that said article be further amended by adding thereto two new sections, designated sections twenty-a and twenty-b, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 18. WEST VIRGINIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND.

§31-18-2. Legislative findings and purpose.

1 (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that as a 2 result of public actions involving highways, public facilities, 3 flood control projects and urban renewal activities, and as a result of the spread of slum conditions and blight to form-4 5 erly sound urban and rural neighborhoods, there exists in the 6 state of West Virginia a serious shortage of sanitary, decent 7 and safe residential housing available at low prices or rentals to persons and families of low and moderate income. This 8 9 shortage is severe in certain urban areas of the state, is especially critical in the rural areas of West Virginia, and is 10 11 inimical to the health, welfare and prosperity of all residents 12 of the state and to the sound growth of West Virginia com-13 munities.

14 (b) The Legislature hereby finds and declares further that 15 private enterprise and investment have not been able to 16 produce, without assistance, the needed construction of san-17 itary, decent and safe residential housing at low prices or

18 rentals which persons and families of low and moderate in-19 come can afford, to provide sufficient long-term mortgage financing for residential housing for occupancy by persons 20 21 and families of low and moderate income or to achieve the 22 urgently needed rehabilitation of much of the present low 23 and moderate income housing stock. It is imperative that the supply of residential housing for persons and families 24 25 displaced by public actions or natural disaster be increased; 26 that private enterprise and investment be encouraged both 27 to sponsor land development for residential housing for 28 such persons and families and to sponsor, build and re-29 habilitate residential housing for such persons and families; 30 and that private financing be supplemented by financing as 31 in this article provided, to help prevent the recurrence of 32 slum conditions and blight and assist in their permanent 33 elimination throughout West Virginia.

34 (c) The Legislature hereby finds and declares further 35 that experience has demonstrated that concentration in residential housing developments, or residential housing areas. 36 37 of only persons and families who, without some form of 38 private or public assistance, do not have incomes sufficient 39 to afford sanitary, decent and safe residential housing, frequently does not eliminate, or avoid, undesirable social 40 41 conditions and frequently does not permanently eliminate, 42 or avoid, slum conditions, and that in such instances oc-43 cupancy of some of the residential housing units in such 44 residential housing developments, or residential housing 45 areas, by persons and families of higher income is desir-46 able and beneficial in achieving the stated public purposes 47 for enacting this legislation.

48 (d) The Legislature hereby finds and declares further that 49 depressed economic conditions in this state and a related 50 lack of employment and business opportunities caused 51 thousands of people to leave this state to find employment 52 elsewhere; that such depressed economic conditions and re-53 lated exodus of population adversely affected the property 54 tax base of this state, adversely affected the excise tax 55 base of this state, diminished the manpower resources of 56 this state necessary for modern mining, industrial and com-57 mercial operations and development in this state, caused 58 the population of this state to include a disproportionately 59 high number of elderly, disabled and economically disad-

vantaged persons, resulted in the spread of slum conditions 60 and blight to formerly sound urban and rural neighborhoods, 61 62 retarded, and continue to retard, the repair and improve-63 ment of existing residential housing and the construction of 64 new residential housing, adversely affected, and continue to 65 adversely affect, land development, including the exten-66 sion and construction of water systems, non-polluting sewer 67 systems, other utility facilities and off-highway streets and 68 roads essential to new industrial, commercial and residen-69 tial housing development, critically restricted, and continue 70 to critically restrict, the construction of public housing for occupancy by persons and families at the lowest level of the 71 72 low and moderate income segment of the population of this state, critically restricted, and continue to critically restrict. 73 74 the opportunities of persons and families at all levels of 75 the low and moderate income segment of the population of 76 this state for improved residential housing, either newly 77 constructed or which would normally become available to 78 them when vacated by persons and families of higher in-79 come occupying newly constructed residential housing, and 80 critically restricted, and continue to critically restrict, the 81 construction of new residential housing, including, but not 82 limited to, nursing homes and intermediate care facilities, 83 of design and location suitable for occupancy by disabled 84 and by elderly persons; that as a result of public actions involving highways, public facilities, flood control projects 85 86 and urban renewal activities undertaken as a part of the 87 programs of this state to improve economic conditions and increase employment opportunities in this state with a view 88 89 to improving the health, welfare and prosperity of residents 90 of this state and reversing the outward movement of popu-91 lation in this state, extensive areas which are suitable for 92 industrial, commercial and residential housing uses have 93 been, or in the near future will be, opened up for develop-94 ment for such purposes but in many instances will be 95 without the land development, including water and non-96 polluting sewer systems, other utility facilities and off-97 highway street and road improvements essential to use of 98 the same for such purposes; that as a result of the unique 99 physical, economic, demographic and other characteristics 100 of this state, including its rugged mountainous terrain, 101 scarcity of land at low or moderate cost suitable for residential housing, low population density and cultural prefer-102

103 ences which are not suited for the denser, larger-scale 104 housing projects typical of more urban areas and high costs 105 of land development and housing construction, the dif-106 ficulties of providing land development, including water and 107 non-polluting sewer systems, other utility facilities and off-108 highway streets and roads, and of providing residential 109 housing, are unusually severe within this state and have 110 restricted and continue to restrict, land development and 111 housing construction needed for the people of the state; 112 that as a direct consequence of the foregoing there exists 113 in this state a serious shortage of sanitary, decent and safe 114 residential housing available for occupancy by persons and 115 families of all but the highest income levels and there exists 116 in this state a serious shortage of water and non-polluting 117 sewer systems, other utility facilities and off-highway street and road developments essential to utilization of land for 118 119 industrial, commercial and residential housing purposes 120 which, due to public actions involving highways, public 121 facilities, flood control projects and urban renewal activi-122 ties, is, or will soon become, available for needed indust-123 rial, commercial and residential housing purposes; that 124 these shortages are severe in certain urban areas of this 125 state, are especially critical in rural areas of this state 126 and are inimical to the present and future health, welfare 127 and prosperity of all residents of this state and to the 128 sound growth and development of communities in this 129 state; and that unless promptly remedied these shortages 130 will continue to seriously retard the sound economic growth 131 and development of this state, the related property tax 132 and excise tax bases of this state and the availability in 133 this state of manpower resources essential to modern 134 mining, industrial and commercial operations and develop-135 ment which are essential to the health, welfare and pros-136 perity of this state and its residents.

137 (e) The Legislature hereby finds and declares further 138 that private enterprise and investment have not been able 139 to produce, or provide mortgage financing for, sufficient 140 new sanitary, decent and safe residential housing at prices 141 or rentals low enough to enable sufficient persons and 142 families having incomes at or immediately above the higher 143 level of the low and moderate income segment of the 144 population of this state to occupy the same and thereby 145 provide opportunities for persons and families of lesser in-

146 come to occupy existing sanitary, decent and safe resi-147 dential housing thereby vacated, have not been able to pro-148 duce, or provide mortgage financing for, sufficient new 149 residential housing essential to retain and attract quali-150 fied manpower resources in and to many areas of this state 151 where such resources are, or shortly will be, critically needed 152 for existing, expanding and new mining, industrial and 153 commercial operations and development, have not been 154 able to produce, or provide mortgage financing for, suf-155 ficient new residential housing, including, but not limited 156 to, nursing homes and intermediate care facilities, of de-157 sign and location suitable for occupancy by elderly and by 158 disabled persons, have not been able to finance sufficient 159 land development, including extensions or construction of 160 water and non-polluting sewer systems, other utility facili-161 ties and off-highway streets and roads, essential to utiliza-162 tion of undeveloped areas of this state for industrial, com-163 mercial and residential housing purposes, and have not 164 been able to achieve urgently needed rehabilitation of much 165 of the present housing stock of this state; that it is imperative that the supply of residential housing necessary 166 167 to retain and attract qualified manpower resources in and 168 to many areas of this state where such resources are, or 169 shortly will be, critically needed for existing, expanding 170 and new mining, industrial and commercial operations and developments be provided, that sufficient new residential 171 172 housing, including, without limitation, nursing homes and 173 intermediate care facilities, designed and located so as to 174 be suitable for occupancy by elderly persons and by dis-175 abled persons be provided, that needed public housing for 176 occupancy by persons and families at the lowest level of 177 the low and moderate income segment of the population 178 of this state be provided, that land development, includ-179 ing water and non-polluting sewer systems and other utili-180 ties and off-highway streets and roads in this state neces-181 sary or desirable for new commercial, industrial and 182 residential housing uses be provided, and that the existing 183 political subdivisions of this state, and private enterprise 184 and investment resources in this state, be encouraged to 185 sponsor and finance land development, including water and 186 non-polluting sewer systems, other utilities and off-highway 187 streets and roads, and to finance, construct and rehabilitate 188 such residential housing; and that it is necessary that such

189 efforts be supplemented by this state as in this article 190 provided.

191 (f) The Legislature hereby finds and declares further that 192 political subdivisions in West Virginia which are presently 193 authorized and empowered by law to acquire, construct, 194 operate and manage public housing projects have not been 195 able to acquire and construct, even with available federal 196 and state assistance, public housing projects sufficient to 197 fulfill the needs for sanitary, decent and safe residential 198 housing for occupancy by persons and families at the 199 lowest level of the low and moderate income segment of 200 the population of this state who have been entitled to 201 occupy public housing in many smaller municipalities in 202 West Virginia and especially in the rural areas of West 203 Virginia; that the primary cause of such shortage of 204 needed public housing projects is the inability of such political subdivisions to remedy such shortages because the 205 206 number of units of public housing needed within its ter-207 ritorial jurisdiction is not sufficient to generate, and justify 208 the expenditure of, adequate funds to provide the requi-209 site arranging of financing for, and planning, development, 210 acquisition, construction, operation and management of 211 such public housing; and that the acquisition, construction, 212 planning, development, financing and management of pub-213 lic housing projects in this state by a governmental in-214 strumentality and public body corporate with statewide 215 jurisdiction as authorized herein will permit or facilitate the 216 arranging of financing for, and planning, development, 217 acquisition, construction, operation or management of pub-218 lic housing units, even though such units are included in 219 several projects each of which contains a relatively small 220 number of such units, sufficient in the aggregate to gener-221 ate, and justify the expenditure of, sufficient funds to 222 provide the requisite arranging of financing for, and plan-223 ning, development, acquisition, construction, operation and 224 management of such public housing, thereby providing 225 the means to alleviate the existing shortages of public 226 housing in many municipalities in West Virginia and in 227 the rural areas of West Virginia.

228 (g) The Legislature hereby finds and declares further 229 that its intention by enacting this legislation is to provide 230 for the continuation of the West Virginia housing develop-

231 ment fund, the corporate purpose of which is to provide 232 financing for development costs and land development to 233 public and private sponsors of land development in this 234 state; further to provide federally insured construction 235 loans to public and private sponsors of land development 236 or to public and private sponsors of residential housing 237 for occupancy by eligible persons and families; further to 238 provide uninsured construction loans to public and private 239 sponsors of land development or to public and private 240 sponsors of residential housing for occupancy by eligible 241 persons and families or to eligible persons and families 242 who may construct such housing; further to provide long-243 term federally insured mortgage loans to public and pri-244 vate sponsors of residential housing for occupancy by eli-245 gible persons and families and to eligible persons and 246 families who may purchase or construct such housing; further to provide long-term uninsured mortgage loans 247 248 to public and private sponsors of residential housing for 249 occupancy by eligible persons and families and to eligible 250 persons and families who may purchase or construct such 251 housing; further to provide technical, consultative and pro-252 ject assistance service to public and private sponsors of 253 such land development or residential housing; further to 254 increase the construction of residential housing for oc-255 cupancy by eligible persons and families through partici-256 pating in the making of, or the making of, loans to 257 mortgagees approved by the housing development fund, and taking as collateral security therefor, or purchasing, 258 259 or investing in long-term federal mortgages or federally 260 insured mortgages, or uninsured mortgages, on residential 261 housing constructed in this state, thereby increasing the 262 supply of funds for long-term mortgage financing of resi-263 dential housing for occupancy by eligible persons and 264 families and freeing funds for use in short-term construc-265 tion financing of residential housing for occupancy by eligible persons and families; further to plan, develop, 266 267 finance, acquire, construct, mortgage or otherwise encumber, operate, manage, sell, lease or otherwise dispose of 268 269 public housing projects; and finally to assist in coordinat-270 ing federal, state, regional and local public and private 271 efforts and resources to otherwise increase the supply 272 of such residential housing.

273 (h) The Legislature hereby finds and declares further

274 that in accomplishing this purpose, the West Virginia 275 housing development fund, heretofore created and estab-276 lished by this article, is acting in all respects for the benefit of the people of the state of West Virginia to serve 277 278 a public purpose in improving and otherwise promoting 279 their health, welfare and prosperity, and that the West 280 Virginia housing development fund, heretofore created and 281 established, is empowered, hereby, to act on behalf of 282 the state of West Virginia and its people in serving this 283 public purpose for the benefit of the general public.

§31-18-3. Definitions.

1 As used in this article, unless the context otherwise re-2 quires:

3 (1) "Annual sinking fund payment" means the amount of 4 money specified in the resolution or resolutions authorizing 5 term bonds as payable into a sinking fund during a partic-6 ular calendar year for the retirement of term bonds at 7 maturity after such calendar year, but shall not include any 8 amount payable by reason only of the maturity of a bond;

9 (2) "Development costs" means the costs approved by 10 the housing development fund as appropriate expenditures 11 by the housing development fund, by sponsors of land devel-12 opment for residential housing, or by sponsors of residential 13 housing, within this state, including but not limited to:

(a) Payments for options to purchase properties on the
proposed residential housing site, deposits on contracts of
purchase, or, with prior approval of the housing development fund, payments for the purchase of such properties;

(b) Legaland organizational expenses, including payments
of attorneys' fees, project manager and clerical staff salaries,
office rent and other incidental expenses;

(c) Payment of fees for preliminary feasibility studies and
 advances for planning, engineering and architectural work;

23 (d) Expenses for tenant surveys and market analyses; and

24 (e) Necessary application and other fees;

25 (3) "Eligible persons and families" means:

26 (a) Persons and families of low and moderate income;27 or

28 (b) Persons or families of higher income to the extent 29 the housing development fund shall find and determine,

30 by resolution, that construction of new or rehabilitated
31 residential housing for occupancy by them will cause to be
32 vacated existing sanitary, decent and safe residential hous33 ing available at prices or rentals which persons and fami34 lies of low and moderate income can afford; or

35 (c) Persons who because of age or physical disability
36 are found and determined by the housing development fund,
37 by resolution, to require residential housing of a special
38 location or design in order to provide them with sanitary,
39 decent and safe residential housing; or

(d) Persons and families for whom, as found and deter-40 41 mined by the housing development fund by resolution, construction of new or rehabilitated residential housing in 42 43 some designated area or areas of the state is necessary for the purpose of retaining in, or attracting to, such area 44 45 or areas qualified manpower resources essential to modern 46 mining, industrial and commercial operations and develop-47 ment in such area or areas:

(4) "Federally insured construction loan" means a construction loan for land development for residential housing or for residential housing which is either secured by a federally insured mortgage or a federal mortgage, or which is insured by the United States or an instrumentality thereof, or a commitment by the United States or an instrumentality thereof to insure such a loan;

55 (5) "Federally insured mortgage" means a mortgage 56 loan for land development for residential housing or for 57 residential housing insured or guaranteed by the United 58 States or an instrumentality thereof, or a commitment by 59 the United States or an instrumentality thereof to insure 60 such a mortgage;

61 (6) "Federal mortgage" means a mortgage loan for
62 land development for residential housing or for residential
63 housing made by the United States or an instrumentality
64 thereof, or a commitment by the United States or an in65 strumentality thereof to make such a mortgage loan;

66 (7) "Housing development fund" means the West Vir-67 ginia housing development fund heretofore created and es-68 tablished by section four of this article;

69 (8) "Land development" means the process of acquiring 70 land for residential housing construction and of making, 71 installing or constructing nonresidential housing improve-72 ments, including waterlines and water supply installations, 73 sewer lines and sewage disposal installations, steam, gas 74 and electric lines and installations, roads, streets, curbs, 75 gutters, sidewalks, whether on or off the site, which the 76 housing development fund deems necessary or desirable to 77 prepare such land for residential housing construction 78 within this state;

79 (9) "Land development fund" means the land develop-80 ment fund which may be created and established by the 81 housing development fund in accordance with section 82 twenty-a of this article;

83 (10) "Minimum bond insurance requirement" means, as 84 of any particular date of computation, an amount of money 85 equal to the greatest of the respective amounts, for the then 86 current or any future calendar year, of annual debt service of the housing development fund on all outstanding mort-87 88 gage finance bonds, such annual debt service for any calen-89 dar year being the amount of money equal to the aggregate of (a) all interest payable during such calendar year 90 91 on such mortgage finance bonds on said date of com-92 putation, plus (b) the principal amount of such mortgage 93 finance bonds outstanding which matures during such cal-94 endar year, other than mortgage finance bonds for which 95 annual sinking fund payments have been or are to be made in accordance with the resolution authorizing such bonds. 96 plus (c) the amount of all annual sinking fund payments 97 98 payable during such calendar year with respect to any such 99 mortgage finance bonds, all calculated on the assumption 100 that bonds will after said date of computation cease to be outstanding by reason, but only by reason, of the payment 101 of bonds when due, and the payment when due and ap-102 plication in accordance with the resolution authorizing such 103 104 bonds of all such sinking fund payments payable at or 105 after said date of computation;

106 (11) "Mortgage finance bonds" means bonds issued or 107 to be issued by the housing development fund and secured 108 by a pledge of amounts payable from the mortgage finance 109 bond insurance fund in the manner and to the extent pro-110 vided in section twenty-b of this article;

111 (12) "Mortgage finance bond insurance fund" means 112 the special trust fund created and established in the state

113 treasury in accordance with section twenty-b of this article;

(13) "Operating loan fund" means the operating loan
fund which may be created and established by the housing
development fund in accordance with section nineteen of
this article;

(14) "Persons and families of low and moderate income" 118 means persons and families, irrespective of race, creed, na-119 tional origin or sex, determined by the housing develop-120 ment fund to require such assistance as is made available 121 122 by this article on account of personal or family income 123 not sufficient to afford sanitary, decent and safe housing, 124 and to be eligible or potentially eligible to occupy residential housing constructed and financed, wholly or in 125 126 part, with federally insured construction loans, federally 127 insured mortgages, federal mortgages or with other public or private assistance, or with uninsured construction loans. 128 or uninsured mortgage loans, and in making such deter-129 130 mination the fund shall take into account the following:

131 (a) The amount of the total income of such persons and 132 families available for housing needs, (b) the size of the 133 family, (c) the cost and condition of housing facilities available, (d) the eligibility of such persons and families 134 135 for federal housing assistance of any type predicated upon low or moderate income basis, and (e) the ability of such 136 137 persons and families to compete successfully in the normal 138 housing market and to pay the amounts at which private 139 enterprise is providing sanitary, decent and safe housing: 140 Provided, That to the extent found and determined by the housing development fund, by resolution, to be necessary 141 142 or appropriate for the purposes of eliminating undesirable social conditions and permanently eliminating slum condi-143 144 tions, the income limitation requirements of this article 145 may be waived as to any persons or families who are eligible to occupy residential housing constructed in whole, 146 147 or in part, with federally insured construction loans, federally insured mortgages or federal mortgages under 148 149 housing assistance or mortgage insurance programs of the United States, or an instrumentality thereof, predicated 150 151 upon any low or moderate income basis;

152 (15) "Residential housing" means a specific work or im-153 provement within this state undertaken primarily to provide 154 dwelling accommodations, including the acquisition, con-

struction or rehabilitation of land, buildings and improvements thereto, for residential housing, including, but not
limited to nursing homes and intermediate care facilities,
and such other non-housing facilities as may be incidental
or appurtenant thereto;

(16) "Special bond insurance commitment fee" means 160 161 a fee in the amount of one percentum of the total principal amount of each loan which is to be temporarily or 162 163 permanently financed from the proceeds of mortgage finance bonds, other than a federally insured construction 164 165 loan, a federally insured mortgage or a federal mortgage, 166 or an amount equal to an equivalent discount on each loan 167 purchased or invested in by the housing development fund from the proceeds of mortgage finance bonds, other 168 169 than a federally insured construction loan, a federally in-170 sured mortgage or a federal mortgage, and which may be 171 payable from the proceeds of such bonds or any other 172 source available to the housing development fund for 173 such use: Provided, however, That if the period of time 174 between the first disbursement of proceeds of such loan and the date upon which it is specified that the first 175 176 repayment of principal of such a loan shall be payable 177 exceeds twelve months, an additional amount computed on 178 the basis of one-twelfth of one per centum per month on 179 the total principal amount of such loan over the number of months of such period of time in excess of twelve 180 181 months shall be included in such fee:

182 (17) "Special bond insurance premium" means (i) a 183 fee at the rate of one-half of one percent per annum on the outstanding principal balance which the housing de-184 185 velopment fund shall charge the borrower of a mortgage 186 loan, or of a loan secured by a mortgage, financed from 187 the proceeds of mortgage finance bonds, other than a federally insured construction loan, a federally insured mort-188 189 gage or a federal mortgage, which shall accrue from a date 190 which is one month prior to the date on which the first 191 installment payment of principal of such a loan is payable 192 and which shall be payable thereafter in monthly install-193 ments on the same day of each successive month that in-194 stallment payments of principal of such a loan are payable, 195 and (ii) with respect to any loan, other than a federally 196 insured construction loan, a federally insured mortgage

or a federal mortgage, purchased, or invested in with such
proceeds, an equivalent amount which the housing development fund shall set aside from payments it receives on
such loan or from any other source available to the housing
development fund for such use;

202 (18) "State sinking fund commission" means the com-203 mission known as such and continued in existence pur-204 suant to article three, chapter thirteen of this code and 205 any body, board, person or commission which shall, by 206 law, hereafter succeed to the powers and duties of such 207 commission;

208 (19) "Uninsured construction loan" means a construc-209 tion loan for land development or for residential housing 210 which is not secured by either a federally insured mortgage 211 or a federal mortgage, and which is not insured by the 212 United States or an instrumentality thereof, and as to 213 which there is no commitment by the United States or an 214 instrumentality thereof to provide insurance;

(20) "Uninsured mortgage" and "uninsured mortgage loan" means a mortgage loan for land development or for residential housing which is not insured or guaranteed by the United States or an instrumentality thereof, and as to which there is no commitment by the United States or an instrumentality thereof to provide insurance.

§31-18-6. Corporate powers.

1 The housing development fund is hereby granted, has and 2 may exercise all powers necessary or appropriate to carry 3 out and effectuate its corporate purpose, including, but 4 not limited to the following:

(1) To make or participate in the making of federally 5 insured construction loans to sponsors of land development 6 for residential housing for occupancy by eligible persons 7 and families or to sponsors of residential housing for oc-8 cupancy by eligible persons and families. Such loans shall 9 be made only upon determination by the housing develop-10 ment fund that construction loans are not otherwise avail-11 able, wholly or in part, from private lenders upon reason-12 ably equivalent terms and conditions; 13

14 (2) To make temporary loans, with or without interest, 15 but with such security for repayment as the housing

16 development fund determines reasonably necessary and 17 practicable, from the operating loan fund, if created, establish-18 ed, organized and operated in accordance with the provisions of section nineteen of this article, to defray 19 20 development costs to sponsors of land development for 21 residential housing for occupancy by persons and 22 families of low and moderate income or residential housing 23 construction for occupany by persons and families of low 24 and moderate income which is eligible or potentially 25 eligible for federally insured construction loans, federally 26 insured mortgages, federal mortgages, or uninsured con-27 struction loans or uninsured mortgage loans;

28 (3) To make or participate in the making of long-term 29 federally insured mortgage loans to sponsors of residential housing for occupancy by eligible persons and families, or to 30 31 eligible persons and families, who may purchase or construct such residential housing. Such loans shall be made only upon 32 determination by the housing development fund that long-term 33 mortgage loans are not otherwise available, wholly or in 34 part, from private lenders upon reasonably equivalent terms 35 36 and conditions;

37 (4) To accept appropriations, gifts, grants, bequests and
38 devises, and to utilize or dispose of the same to carry
39 out its corporate purpose;

40 (5) To make and execute contracts, releases, compromises,
41 compositions and other instruments necessary or convenient
42 for the exercise of its powers, or to carry out its corporate
43 purpose;

44 (6) To collect reasonable fees and charges in connection 45 with making and servicing its loans, notes, bonds, obligations, 46 commitments and other evidences of indebtedness, and in 47 connection with providing technical, consultative and project assistance services. Such fees and charges shall be 48 limited to the amounts required to pay the costs of the 49 50 housing development fund, including operating and administra-51 tive expenses, and reasonable allowances for losses which may be incurred; 52

53 (7) To invest any funds not required for immediate dis-54 bursement in any of the following securities:

55 (i) Direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by the 56 United States of America;

(ii) Bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued by any of the following agencies: bank for
cooperatives; federal intermediate credit banks; federal home
loan bank system; Export-Import Bank of the United States;
federal land banks; the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Government National Mortgage Association;

63 (iii) Public housing bonds issued by public agencies or 64 municipalities and fully secured as to the payment of both 65 principal and interest by a pledge of annual contributions 66 under an annual contributions contract or contracts with 67 the United States of America: or temporary notes issued 68 by public agencies or municipalities or preliminary loan 69 notes issued by public agencies or municipalities, in each 70 case, fully secured as to the payment of both principal 71 and interest by a requisition or payment agreement with the 72 United States of America;

(iv) Certificates of deposit secured by obligations of theUnited States of America;

(v) Direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by thestate of West Virginia;

(vi) Direct and general obligations of any other state within the territorial United States, to the payment of the principal of and interest on which the full faith and credit of such state is pledged: *Provided*, That at the time of their purchase, such obligations are rated in either of the two highest rating categories by a nationally recognized bond rating agency; and

(vii) Any fixed interest bond, note or debenture of any 84 corporation organized and operating within the United States: 85 Provided, however, That such corporation shall have a 86 87 minimum net worth of fifteen million dollars and its securities or its parent corporation's securities are listed on one or 88 89 more of the national stock exchanges: And provided further, That (1) such corporation has earned a profit in eight of 90 the preceding ten fiscal years as reflected in its statements. 91 92 and (2) such corporation has not defaulted in the payment of principal or interest on any of its outstanding funded 93 indebtedness during its preceding ten fiscal years, and (3) 94 95 the bonds, notes or debentures of such corporation to be purchased are rated "AA" or the equivalent thereof or 96 97 better than "AA" or the equivalent thereof by at least two or more nationally recognized rating services such as Standard 98

99 and Poor's, Dun & Bradstreet or Moody's;

100 (8) To sue and be sued;

101 (9) To have a seal and alter the same at will;

102 (10) To make, and from time to time, amend and repeal 103 bylaws and rules and regulations not inconsistent with the 104 provisions of this article;

105 (11) To appoint such officers, employees and consultants 106 as it deems advisable and to fix their compensation and 107 prescribe their duties;

108 (12) To acquire, hold and dispose of personal property 109 for its corporate purposes;

(13) To enter into agreements or other transactions with
any federal or state agency, any person and any domestic or
foreign partnership, corporation, association or organization;

(14) To acquire real property, or an interest therein, in 113 its own name, by purchase or foreclosure, where such 114 115 acquisition is necessary or appropriate to protect any loan 116 in which the housing development fund has an interest and to sell, transfer and convey any such property to a buyer 117 and, in the event such sale, transfer or conveyance cannot 118 be effected with reasonable promptness or at a reasonable 119 price, to lease such property to a tenant; 120

121 (15) To sell, at public or private sale, any mortgage 122 or other negotiable instrument or obligation securing a 123 construction, land development, mortgage or temporary loan;

(16) To procure insurance against any loss in connection
with its property in such amounts, and from such insurers,
as may be necessary or desirable;

127 (17) To consent, whenever it deems it necessary or 128 desirable in the fulfillment of its corporate purpose, to the 129 modification of the rate of interest, time of payment or any 130 installment of principal or interest, or any other terms, of 131 mortgage loan, mortgage loan commitment, construction loan, 132 temporary loan, contract or agreement of any kind to which 133 the housing development fund is a party;

(18) To make and publish rules and regulations respecting
its federally insured mortgage lending, uninsured mortgage
lending, construction lending and lending to defray development costs and any such other rules and regulations as are

138 necessary to effectuate its corporate purpose;

(19) To borrow money to carry out and effectuate its 139 corporate purpose and to issue its bonds or notes as 140 evidence of any such borrowing in such principal amounts 141 142 and upon such terms as shall be necessary to provide sufficient funds for achieving its corporate purpose, except 143 144 that no notes shall be issued to mature more than ten years 145 from date of issuance and no bonds shall be issued to 146 mature more than fifty years from date of issuance:

147 (20) To issue renewal notes, to issue bonds to pay 148 notes and, whenever it deems refunding expedient, to re-149 fund any bonds by the issuance of new bonds, whether 150 the bonds to be refunded have or have not matured except that no such renewal notes shall be issued to mature more 151 152 than ten years from date of issuance of the notes renewed and no such refunding bonds shall be issued to mature 153 154 more than fifty years from the date of issuance;

155 (21) To apply the proceeds from the sale of renewal 156 notes or refunding bonds to the purchase, redemption or 157 payment of the notes or bonds to be refunded;

(22) To provide technical services to assist in the planning,
processing, design, construction or rehabilitation of residential
housing for occupancy by eligible persons and families
or land development for residential housing for occupancy
by eligible persons and families;

163 (23) To provide consultative project assistance services for 164 residential housing for occupancy by eligible persons and 165 families and for land development for residential housing 166 for occupancy by eligible persons and families and for the 167 residents thereof with respect to management, training and 168 social services;

169 (24) To promote research and development in scientific 170 methods of constructing low cost residential housing of 171 high durability;

172 (25) With the proceeds from the issuance of notes or 173 bonds of the housing development fund, including, but not 174 limited to, mortgage finance bonds, or with other funds 175 available to the housing development fund for such purpose, 176 to participate in the making of or to make loans to 177 mortgagees approved by the housing development fund 178 and take such collateral security therefor as is approved 179 by the housing development fund and to invest in, pur-180 chase, acquire, sell or participate in the sale of, or take 181 assignments of, notes and mortgages, evidencing loans for 182 the construction, rehabilitation, purchase or refinancing 183 residential housing in this state: Provided, That the hous-184 ing development fund shall obtain such written assurances as shall be satisfactory to it that the proceeds of 185 186 such loans, investments or purchases will be used, as 187 nearly as practicable, for the making of or investment in 188 long-term federally insured mortgage loans or federally 189 insured construction loans, uninsured mortgage loans, or 190 uninsured construction loans, for residential housing for 191 occupancy by eligible persons and families in this state or 192 that other moneys in an amount approximately equal to 193 such proceeds shall be committed and used for such purpose;

194 (26) To make or participate in the making of uninsured 195 construction loans to sponsors of land development for residential housing for occupancy by eligible persons and 196 families or to sponsors of residential housing for occupancy 197 by eligible persons and families, or to eligible persons and 198 families who may construct such housing. Such loans shall 199 be made only upon determination by the housing develop-200 201 ment fund that construction loans are not otherwise available, wholly or in part, from private lenders upon reasonably 202 equivalent terms and conditions; 203

(27) To make or participate in the making of long-term 204 uninsured mortgage loans to sponsors of residential housing 205 206 for occupancy by eligible persons and families, or to eligible persons and families who may purchase or construct 207 such residential housing. Such loans shall be made only 208 upon determination by the housing development fund that 209 long-term mortgage loans are not otherwise available, wholly 210 211 or in part, from private lenders upon reasonably equivalent 212 terms and conditions:

(28) To obtain options to acquire and to acquire real 213 property, or any interest therein, in its own name, by 214 purchase, or lease, or otherwise, which is found by the 215 216 housing development fund to be suitable, or potentially 217 suitable, as a site, or as part of a site, for the construction of residential housing; to hold such real property; to make 218 219 loans to finance the performance of land development activities on or in connection with any such real property 220

or to perform land development activities on or in connection 221 with any such real property; to sponsor the development of 222 residential housing for occupancy by eligible persons and 223 families on such real property; and to sell, transfer and 224 225 convey, lease or otherwise dispose of such real property, or lots, tracts or parcels of such real property, or residential 226 housing, for such prices, upon such terms, conditions and 227 limitations, and at such time or times as the housing 228 development fund shall determine, to sponsors of residential 229 housing: Provided, however, That if the housing development 230 231 fund shall determine that any such real property or any lots, tracts or parcels of such real property are not at 232 any time or times needed for present or future residential 233 housing, the housing development fund may sell, transfer 234 and convey, lease or otherwise dispose of the same, to such 235 236 purchasers or lessees, for such prices, upon such terms, conditions and limitations, and for such uses and purposes 237 as the housing development fund shall determine; 238

239 (29) To make loans, with or without interest, but with 240 such security for repayment as the housing development fund determines reasonably necessary and practicable from the 241 242 land development fund, if created, established, organized 243 and operated in accordance with the provisions of section twenty-a of this article, to sponsors of land development, 244 245 to defray development costs and other costs of land development: and 246

247 (30) To exercise all of the rights, powers and authorities 248 of a public housing authority as set forth and provided in 249 article fifteen, chapter sixteen of this code in any area 250 or areas of the state which the housing development fund 251 shall determine by resolution to be necessary or appro-252 priate.

§31-18-8. Notes and bonds as negotiable instruments.

The notes and bonds shall be and hereby are made
 negotiable instruments under the provisions of article eight,
 chapter forty-six of this code, subject only to the provisions
 of the notes or bonds for registration, unless otherwise
 provided by resolution of the housing development fund.

§31-18-11. Authorizing resolutions.

1 Any resolution or resolutions authorizing any notes or 2 bonds, or any issue thereof, may contain provisions, which 3 shall be a part of the contract with the holders thereof, 4 as to:

5 (1) Pledging all or part of the mortgage or deed of trust 6 payments, charges and other fees made or received by the 7 housing development fund and other moneys received or to 8 be received to secure the payment of the notes or bonds 9 or of any issue thereof, subject to such agreements with 10 bondholders or noteholders as may then exist;

(2) Pledging all or any part of the assets of the housing
development fund to secure the payment of the notes or
bonds or any issue of notes or bonds, subject to such
agreements with bondholders or noteholders as may then
exist;

16 (3) Pledging as security, or as part of the security, for 17 the payment of any mortgage finance bonds, including, but 18 not limited to mortgage finance bonds issued to pay 19 outstanding notes, amounts payable from the mortgage 20 finance bond insurance fund;

(4) The setting aside of reserves or sinking funds and theregulation and disposition thereof;

23 (5) Limitations on the purpose to which the proceeds of
24 sale of notes or bonds may be applied and pledging
25 such proceeds to secure the payments of the notes or
26 bonds or of any issue thereof;

(6) Limitations on the issuance of additional notes or
bonds; the terms upon which additional notes or bonds may
be issued and secured; and the refunding of outstanding
or other notes or bonds;

(7) The procedure, if any, by which the terms of any contract
with noteholders or bondholders may be amended or abrogated, the amount of notes or bonds the holders of which
must consent thereto, and the manner in which such consent
may be given;

36 (8) Limitations on the amount of moneys to be expended
37 by the housing development fund for operating, administrative
38 or other expenses of the housing development fund;

(9) Vesting in a trustee or trustees such property, rights,
powers and duties of any trustee appointed by the bondholders pursuant to section sixteen of this article, and limiting or abrogating the right of the bondholders to appoint

43 a trustee under section sixteen of this article or limiting 44 the rights, powers and duties of such trustee; and

45 (10) Any other matters, of like or different character,

46 which in any way affect the security or protection of the

47 notes or bonds.

§31-18-12. Validity of any pledge, mortgage, deed of trust or security instrument.

1 It is the intention hereof that any pledge, mortgage, deed 2 of trust or security instrument made by or for the benefit 3 of the housing development fund, including, but not limited 4 to amounts in the mortgage finance bond insurance fund, 5 shall be valid and binding between the parties from the time 6 the pledge, mortgage, deed of trust or security instrument is made: and that the moneys or property so pledged, en-7 8 cumbered, mortgaged or entrusted shall immediately be subject 9 to the lien of such pledge, mortgage, deed of trust or security instrument without any physical delivery thereof or further 10 11 act. The lien of such pledge shall be valid and binding 12 against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract, 13 or otherwise, irrespective of whether such parties have notice 14 of the lien of such pledge. Nothing herein shall be construed 15 to prohibit the housing development fund from selling any property subject to any such pledge, mortgage, deed of 16 17 trust or security instrument. Such property is not to be sold for less than its fair market value. 18

§31-18-20a. Land development fund.

1 (a) The board of directors of the housing development fund 2 may create and establish a special revolving fund of moneys 3 made available by appropriation, grant, contribution or loan, to be known as the land development fund and to be 4 5 governed, administered and accounted for by the directors, officers and managerial staff of the housing development 6 7 fund as a special purpose account separate and distinct 8 from any other moneys, fund or funds owned and managed 9 by the housing development fund.

10 (b) The purpose of the land development fund shall be to 11 provide a source from which the housing development fund 12 may finance development costs and land development in this 13 state by making loans therefrom, with or without interest 14 and with such security for repayment as the housing develop-15 ment fund deems reasonably necessary and practicable, or by 16 expending moneys therefrom, for development costs and land17 development in this state.

18 (c) The housing development fund may invest and reinvest 19 all moneys in the land development fund in any investments 20 authorized under section six of this article, pending the 21 disbursement thereof in connection with the financing of 22 development costs and land development in this state.

(d) No loans shall be made by the housing development
fund from the land development fund except in accordance
with a written loan agreement which shall include, but
not be limited to, the following terms and conditions:

(1) The proceeds of all such loans shall be used only fordevelopment costs and land development;

(2) All such loans shall be repaid in full, with or withoutinterest, as provided in the agreement;

31 (3) All repayments shall be made concurrent with receipt
32 by the borrower of the proceeds of a construction loan or
33 mortgage, as the case may be, or at such other times as
34 the housing development fund deems reasonably necessary or
35 practicable; and

36 (4) Specification of such security for repayments upon such
37 terms and conditions as the housing development fund deems
38 reasonably necessary or practicable.

39 (e) The housing development fund may expend any income 40 from the financing of development costs and land development 41 with moneys in the land development fund, and from investment of such moneys, in payment, or reimbursement. of all 42 expenses of the housing development fund which, as determin-43 44 ed in accordance with procedures approved by the board of directors of the housing development fund, are fairly allocable 45 46 to such financing or its land development activites: Provided, That no funds from the land development fund shall be used 47 48 to carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence 49 legislation.

§31-18-20b. Mortgage finance bond insurance fund.

1 (a) There is hereby created and established in the state 2 treasury a special trust fund to be designated the "mortgage 3 finance bond insurance fund" into and from which moneys 4 shall be paid as provided in this section. The mortgage 5 finance bond insurance fund shall be under the supervision

6 and control of the state sinking fund commission and all 7 moneys and securities held therein or investments thereof 8 shall be held in trust subject to use and application only as 9 provided herein and in the resolution or resolutions of the housing development fund authorizing the issuance of any 10 11 mortgage finance bonds, notwithstanding any other provision 12 of law. The mortgage finance bond insurance fund shall be kept separate and apart from all other moneys and funds of 13 14 the state and the housing development fund is hereby authorized to pledge any amount or amounts held therein to the 15 16 payment of the principal (including annual sinking fund 17 payments) of, and interest on, mortgage finance bonds in the 18 manner and to the extent and on such terms and conditions as may be provided by the housing development 19 20 fund.

21 (b) In addition to any other fees and charges which the 22 housing development fund may charge on loans, it shall 23 charge on all loans or mortgages made or purchased with 24 the proceeds of sale of mortgage finance bonds, except 25 federally insured construction loans, federally insured mort-26 gages, or federal mortgages, a special bond insurance 27 commitment fee and special bond insurance premiums. 28 The special bond insurance commitment fees and special 29 bond insurance premiums so charged shall be remitted to 30 the state sinking fund commission, promptly after the 31 last day of each calendar quarter, by the housing develop-32 ment fund, or by any trustee, trustees, agent or agents 33 designated by the housing development fund to receive 34 the same and shall be held, invested and, together with 35 all investment income thereon, reinvested by the state 36 sinking fund commission in investments authorized under 37 section six of this article.

38 (c) Simultaneously with the issuance of any mortgage finance bonds, the housing development fund shall cause to 39 40 be deposited in the mortgage finance bond insurance fund an amount of the proceeds of sale and delivery of such 41 42 mortgage finance bonds which together with the sum of the amount then on deposit in the mortgage finance bond 43 insurance fund and in reserves theretofore or then set aside 44 45 with a trustee or trustees and held pursuant to the resolution or resolutions authorizing the issuance of such bonds only for 46 the payment of designated mortgage finance bonds prior to, 47

or at, their maturity, shall equal the minimum bond insurance 48 requirement. Except as provided in subsection (e) of this 49 50 section, amounts on deposit in the mortgage finance bond insurance fund which are in excess of the minumum bond 51 insurance requirement may be withdrawn from the mortgage 52 finance bond insurance fund and paid to or upon the 53 order of the housing development fund upon thirty days 54 55 notice in writing to the state sinking fund commission. For the purposes of determining any amounts held in the 56 mortgage finance bond insurance fund, securities held in 57 58 or other investments of the mortgage finance bond insurance fund shall be valued at par. If, at any time, the hous-59 60 ing development fund shall determine that because of defaults or other reasons, the moneys available therefor 61 62 shall be insufficient to pay the principal, including the 63 annual sinking fund payment, of, and interest on, mort-64 gage finance bonds becoming due during the next ensuing 65 six month period, the housing development fund shall give 66 written notice to the state sinking fund commission to transfer 67 the amount of moneys required for such payment, on or 68 before the time and to such trustee or paying agent for any 69 of the mortgage finance bonds as shall be specified in such notice, and the state sinking fund commission shall make 70 such transfer. 71

72 (d) In the event that the sum of the amount held in the 73 mortgage finance bond insurance fund and in reserves set 74 aside with a trustee or trustees and held pursuant to the 75 resolution or resolutions authorizing the issuance of such bonds 76 only for the payment of designated mortgage finance 77 bonds prior to, or at, their maturity, shall be less than the 78 minimum bond insurance requirement, the chairman of 79 the housing development fund shall certify, on or before 80 the first day of December of each year, the amount of 81 such deficiency to the governor of the state, and the 82 governor shall transfer to the state sinking fund commis-83 sion for deposit in the mortgage finance bond insurance 84 fund from any amounts previously appropriated which 85 are available for such purpose an amount equal to the 86 amount of such deficiency, and if the amount of such de-87 ficiency shall not be available from such prior appropria-88 tion or shall not have been so transferred, the governor 89 shall include the amount of such deficiency not so trans-90 ferred in the budget of his office to be submitted for ap-

91 propriation to the next session of the Legislature, and 92 shall cause any amounts appropriated for such purpose to 93 be transferred to the state sinking fund commission for de-94 posit in the mortgage finance bond insurance fund: *Provid*-95 *ed*, That the Legislature shall not be required to make any 96 appropriation so requested, and the amount of such defici-97 encies shall not constitute a debt or liability of the state.

(e) Subject to any agreement or agreements with 98 holders of outstanding notes and bonds of the housing 99 development fund, any amount or amounts paid by the 100 state into the mortgage finance bond insurance fund pur-101 102 suant to this section shall be repaid to the state as, when, and to the extent, amounts held in the mortgage 103 finance bond insurance fund at any time or times after 104 any payment by the state into the mortgage finance bond 105 insurance fund shall exceed the minimum bond insur-106 ance requirement at such time or times. 107

§31-18-21. Prohibition on funds inuring to the benefit of or being distributable to directors, officers or private persons.

1 No part of the funds of the housing development fund, 2 or of the operating loan fund, or of the land development 3 fund, shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable 4 to its directors or officers or other private persons 5 except that the housing development fund shall be authorized 6 and empowered to pay reasonable compensation, other 7 than to the directors, including the chairman, vice-chairman 8 and treasurer of the board of directors and the secretary of the board of directors, for services rendered and to 9 10 make loans and exercise its other powers as previously specified in furtherance of its corporate purpose: Provided, 11 12 That no such loans shall be made, and no property shall be purchased or leased from, or sold, leased or otherwise 13 disposed of, to any director or officer of the housing 14 15 development fund.

§31-18-22. Termination or dissolution.

1 Upon the termination or dissolution, all rights and 2 properties of the housing development fund, including the 3 operating loan fund, the land development fund, and the 4 mortgage finance bond insurance fund, shall pass to and be 5 vested in the state of West Virginia, subject to the rights

6 of bondholders, lienholders and other creditors.

§31-18-24. Annual audit; reports to joint committee on government and finance; information to joint committee or legislative auditor.

The housing development fund shall cause an annual 1 audit to be made by a resident independent certified 2 public accountant of its books, accounts and records, with 3 4 respect to its receipts, disbursements, contracts, mortgages, 5 leases, assignments, loans and all other matters relating to its financial operations, including those of the operating 6 7 loan fund, the land development fund, and the mortgage 8 finance bond insurance fund. The person performing such 9 audit shall furnish copies of the audit report to the commissioner of finance and administration, where they shall 10 be placed on file and made available for inspection by the 11 12 general public. The person performing such audit shall also furnish copies of the audit report to the speaker of 13 the House of Delegates, the president of the Senate and the 14 majority and minority leaders of both houses. 15

16 In addition to the foregoing annual audit report, the housing development fund shall also render every six 17 18 months to the joint committee on government and finance a report setting forth in detail a complete analysis of the 19 activities, indebtedness, receipts and financial affairs of such 20 fund and the operating loan fund, the land development 21 fund, and the mortgage finance bond insurance fund. Upon 22 23 demand, the housing development fund shall also submit to the joint committee on government and finance or the 24 25 legislative auditor any other information requested by such committee or the legislative auditor. 26

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

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