WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1980

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HOUSE BILL No. 1150

(By Mr. Neal & Mr. Shiflet)

Passed March 8, 1980

In Effect Ninety Days From Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact article four, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section fourteen, relating to authorizing the director of the department of natural resources to acquire seventy-five miles of right-of-way along the abandoned Chessie System Railroad between Caldwell and Cass; authorizing the division of parks and recreation to use such right-of-way for the development, construction, operation and maintenance of certain barriers, bicycle and hiking trails, camping and certain other facilities; and prohibiting certain motorized vehicles on such right-of-way and providing exceptions thereto and penalties; and, permitting the director of the department of natural resources hunting zones or areas.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article four, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section fourteen, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4. PARKS AND RECREATION.

§20-4-14. Acquisition of former railroad subdivision for establishment of Greenbrier river trail; development, protection, operation and maintenance of trail.

(a) The director may acquire from the West Virginia railroad maintenance authority approximately seventy-five miles
of right-of-way along the former Greenbrier subdivision of the
Chessie Railroad System between Caldwell in Greenbrier Coun-
ty and Cass in Pocahontas County to be developed as the
"Greenbrier River Trail." The acquired property shall be
used for:

(1) The construction and maintenance of barriers for the
protection of the trail from motorized vehicular traffic and
for the protection of adjacent public and private property;

(2) The development, construction, operation and main-
tenance of bicycle and hiking trails, horseback trails, primitive
camping facilities and other compatible recreational facilities
to be so designated by the director.

(b) Except for vehicles authorized by the director for use
in the construction or maintenance of the trail and its facilities,
or for the fighting of forest fires or other recreational manage-
ment purposes, or any other emergency, or in the exercise of
vested rights of ingress, egress and regress, no person may
operate a motorized vehicle within the restricted area of the
trail. Any person who violates the provisions of this sub-
section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction there-
of, shall be punished in accordance with the provisions of
section nine, article seven of this chapter.

(c) The director may promulgate rules and regulations
establishing areas or zones where hunting may be prohibited or
restricted.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James P. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence C. Shepherd
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Fred C. Miles
Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. D. Ballard
President of the Senate

Chesler M. Lee
Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 20
day of June, 1980.

John B. Sappen
Governor