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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
House Bill No. 2277

(By Mr. Speaker, Mr. Kiss, and Delegate Trump)
[By Request of the Executive]

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Passed March 12, 1999
In Effect Ninety Days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section eight, article two, chapter five-b of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to adding four members to the tourism commission and allowing for the appointment of two members from the public sector.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 2. WEST VIRGINIA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

§5B-2-8. Tourism commission created; members, appointment and expenses.

(a) There is hereby created within the West Virginia development office an independent tourism commission, which is a body corporate and politic, constituting a public corporation and government instrumentality. Membership on the council shall consist of thirteen members:
(1) Nine members to be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, representing participants in the state's tourism industry. At least seven of the members shall be from the private sector. Of the nine members so appointed, one shall represent a convention and visitors bureau and another shall be a member of a convention and visitors bureau. In making the appointments the governor may select from a list provided by the West Virginia hospitality and travel association of qualified applicants. Of the nine members so appointed, no more than three shall be from each congressional district within the state and shall be appointed to provide the broadest geographic distribution which is feasible;

(2) One member to be appointed by the governor from the membership of the council for community and economic development created pursuant to the provisions of section two of this article;

(3) One member to be appointed by the governor to represent public sector nonstate participants in the tourism industry within the state;

(4) The secretary of transportation or his or her designee, ex officio; and

(5) The director of the division of natural resources or his or her designee, ex officio.

(b) Each member appointed by the governor shall serve staggered terms of four years. Any member whose term has expired shall serve until his or her successor has been appointed. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term. Any member shall be eligible for reappointment. In cases of vacancy in the office of member, such vacancy shall be filled by the governor in the same manner as the original appointment.

(c) Members of the commission shall not be entitled to compensation for services performed as members. A majority of these members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. The governor shall appoint a chair of the commission for a term to run concurrent with the term of the
office of the member appointed to be the chair. The chair is eligible for successive terms in that position.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Randy H. Lummus  
Chairman Senate Committee

Joe F. Smith  
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Larry Meth  
Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Earl Ray Tomblin  
President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within approved this the 31st day of March, 1999.

Governor