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AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article one, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, authorizing the commissioner of agriculture to administer the state rural development council.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

§19-1-4. Duties of commissioner.

1 The commissioner of agriculture shall perform the follow-
2 ing duties:

3 (a) Devise means of advancing the agricultural interests of
4 the state, and, in the performance of such duty, he or she shall
5 have authority to call upon any state department, or officer of

6 the state or county, to cooperate in promoting the agricultural
7 interests of the state. It shall be the duty of any such depart-
8 ment, or officer, upon request of the commissioner to render the
9 assistance desired;

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

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

19 (d) Induce the investment of capital in, and immigration
20 into, this state by the dissemination of information relative to
21 the soil, climate, health, natural resources, market opportunities
22 and advantages of the state;

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

25 (f) Take charge of the museum of the department of
26 agriculture, collect, preserve and exhibit therein specimens of
27 agricultural, horticultural and kindred products, products of the
28 forests, minerals, flora and fauna of the state;

29 (g) Administer the state rural development council through
30 the marketing and development division established in section
31 three-a of this article, in accordance with the memorandum of
32 understanding between the United States department of
33 agriculture and the state concerning the president's initiative on
34 rural development;

35 (h) Publish and distribute from time to time such reports
36 and bulletins concerning agriculture, horticulture and kindred
37 subjects as may be of value to the farmers of the state, and, as

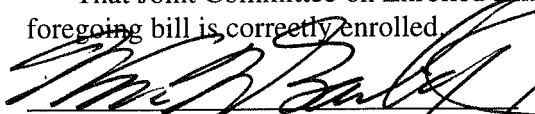
38 conditions may demand, publish a handbook giving the
39 resources of the several counties of the state, the varieties of
40 soil and products, both mineral and vegetable, and the adapt-
41 ability of the different sections of the state to the different
42 branches of agriculture, horticulture and kindred interests;

43 (i) Submit a biennial report to the governor and Legislature
44 containing such information as to the operations of the depart-
45 ment as may be helpful to the agricultural interests of the state,
46 together with an itemized statement of all receipts and disburse-
47 ments during the biennial period covered thereby, and giving
48 the name of every person employed during such period, the
49 time employed, and the amount paid each employee;

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

52 (k) Propose rules, including regulatory standards, for
53 legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of article
54 three, chapter twenty-nine of this code for the purpose of
55 carrying out the requirements of this chapter.

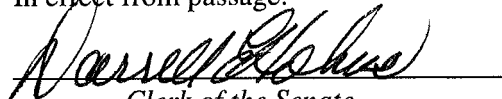
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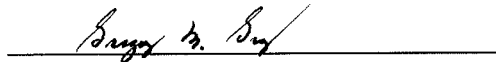

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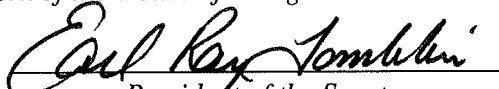

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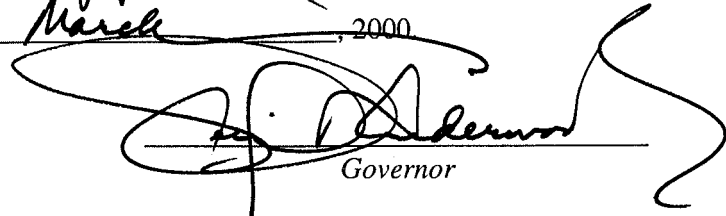

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President of the Senate


Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within approved this the 3/5
day of March, 2000


Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

GOVERNOR

Date 3/27/00

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