

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

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FOR  
House Bill No. 2556**

(By Mr. Speaker, Mr. Kiss)



Passed March 5, 2003

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AN ACT to amend article two, chapter thirty-three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section fifteen-a, relating to requiring the insurance commissioner to issue an annual communication to state and local governmental entities and nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of certain flood insurance issues.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

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

**ARTICLE 2. INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.**

**§33-2-15a. Annual flood insurance communication to public entities by commissioner.**

1 (a) The commissioner shall annually issue a communication  
2 to West Virginia state and local governmental entities and  
3 nonprofit organizations which shall have the following objec-  
4 tives:

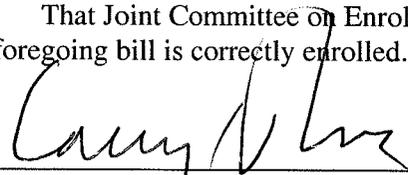
5 (1) To make state and local governmental entities and  
6 nonprofit organizations aware of the 1988 amendments to the  
7 federal Robert T. Stafford Emergency Assistance and Disaster  
8 Relief Act which impose penalties in the form of reductions in  
9 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster  
10 relief funds on public entities who fail to purchase adequate  
11 flood insurance on all property located in identified flood  
12 hazard areas;

13 (2) To make state and local governmental entities and  
14 nonprofit organizations generally aware of the magnitude of  
15 risk exposure and potential financial loss that may result from  
16 these penalties; and

17 (3) To make state and local governmental entities and  
18 nonprofit organizations aware that low-cost, federally subsi-  
19 dized flood insurance may be available through the National  
20 Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

21 (b) The commissioner may propose rules for legislative  
22 approval in accordance with the provisions of article three,  
23 chapter twenty-nine-a of this code to effectuate the provisions  
24 of this section.

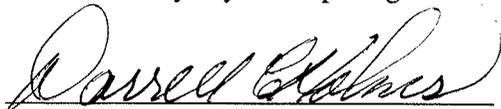
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

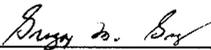
  
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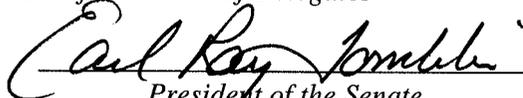
  
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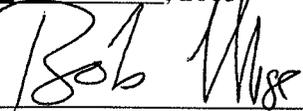
  
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Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of March, 2003

  
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Governor

PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

Date 3/12/03

Time 11:00am