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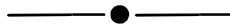
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House Bill No. 2990

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AN ACT to amend and reenact §20-1-17 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting the Director of the Division of Natural Resources to set the time and date of the meeting for the convenience of the public.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §20-1-17 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

§20-1-17. Natural Resources Commission — Organization and services.

- 1 (a) Members of the Natural Resources Commission shall
- 2 take and subscribe to the public officer's oath prescribed by the
- 3 Constitution before entering upon the duties of their office. All
- 4 such executed oaths shall be filed in the office of the Secretary

5 of State. Members of the Commission shall receive no compen-
6 sation as such, but each shall be reimbursed for his or her actual
7 and necessary traveling expenses incurred in the performance
8 of his or her official duties.

9 (b) The Director of the Division shall be ex officio a
10 member of the Commission and its presiding officer. A
11 majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for
12 transaction of business. Four regular meetings of the Commis-
13 sion shall be held each year. One meeting shall be held in each
14 quarter of the calender year. The date of the meeting shall be at
15 the discretion of the Director of the Division of Natural
16 Resources. Special meetings may be convened by the Governor,
17 the Director or by a majority of the Commission. The meetings
18 of the Commission shall be regularly held at locations desig-
19 nated by the Director. The time and place of the meeting shall
20 be announced in accordance with section one, article nine-a,
21 chapter six, et seq., of this code. The Director shall furnish all
22 articles and supplies required by the Commission in the
23 performance of its duties and shall provide necessary steno-
24 graphic, secretarial and clerical assistance therefor. All such
25 materials and services shall be paid for from Department funds.

26 The Director, at any regular or special meeting of the
27 Commission, may submit to the Commission any program or
28 policy matters on which he or she wishes to obtain the advice,
29 counsel and opinion of the Commission and may consult with
30 members of the Commission on functions, services, policies
31 and practices of the Department at any time. The Commission
32 shall serve as a body advisory to the Director and shall perform
33 all other duties assigned to it by law. It shall have the following
34 powers and duties:

35 (1) To consider and study the entire field of legislation and
36 administrative methods concerning the forests and their
37 maintenance and development, the protection of fish and game,

38 the beautification of the state and its highways, and the devel-
39 opment of lands, minerals, waters and other natural resources;

40 (2) To advise with the Director concerning the conservation
41 problems of particular localities or districts of the state;

42 (3) To recommend policies and practices to the Director
43 relative to any duties imposed upon him or her by law;

44 (4) To investigate the work of the Director, and for this
45 purpose to have access at reasonable times to all official books,
46 papers, documents and records;

47 (5) To advise or make recommendations to the Governor
48 relative to natural resources of the state;

49 (6) To keep minutes of the transactions of each session,
50 regular or special, which shall be public records and filed with
51 the Director; and

52 (7) To fix by regulation which it is hereby empowered to
53 promulgate, in accordance with the provisions of chapter
54 twenty-nine-a of this code, the open seasons and the bag, creel,
55 size, age, weight and sex limits with respect to wildlife in this
56 state.


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

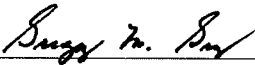

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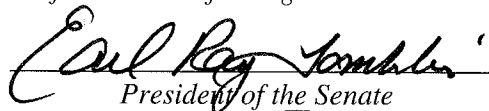

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Clerk of the Senate


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President of the Senate


Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 2nd
day of May, 2005.


Governor

PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

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