

1 **ENROLLED**

2 **Senate Bill No. 202**

3 (BY SENATORS WILLIAMS, K. FACEMYER, FANNING, HELMICK, MILLER, JENKINS,  
4 STOLLINGS AND WILLS)

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6 [Passed March 9, 2012; in effect ninety days from passage.]  
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10 AN ACT to amend and reenact §19-1A-4 of the Code of West Virginia,  
11 1931, as amended, relating to permitting the Director of the  
12 Division of Forestry to enter into stewardship contracts with  
13 the United States Forest Service; authorizing projects by  
14 written agreement or contract; and directing annual reports to  
15 the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

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

17 That §19-1A-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
18 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

19 **ARTICLE 1A. DIVISION OF FORESTRY.**

20 **§19-1A-4. Additional duties of the Director of the Division of**  
21 **Forestry generally.**

22 (a) The director shall:

1           (1) Develop, promote and advance the growth of the forest  
2 products industries of this state;

3           (2) Cooperate with educational institutions, development  
4 agencies and private and public organizations to promote the  
5 expansion of the forest products industries of this state in local  
6 and global markets;

7           (3) Conduct research on marketing and developing forest  
8 products and forest products industries; conserving, managing and  
9 utilizing the state's forest land and its multiple uses; and  
10 improving the forestry knowledge and practices of private  
11 landowners; and

12           (4) Compile its findings and recommendations, and disseminate  
13 the results of its research to the public, the forest products  
14 industry, the Governor and the Legislature.

15           (b) The director has the power to carry out and effectuate the  
16 purposes of this article, article one-b of this chapter and article  
17 three of chapter twenty of this code, including the power to:

18           (1) Accept and use gifts, donations or contributions from  
19 individuals, organizations or corporations, and to acquire by gift,  
20 lease or purchase real estate;

21           (2) Establish law-enforcement practices and procedures to  
22 address the law-enforcement requirements of the division;

23           (3) To promulgate rules and regulations, subject to the

1 provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a of this code; and

2       (4) Enter into stewardship end-result contract projects with  
3 the United States Forest Service by written agreement or contract  
4 and submit an annual report to the Joint Committee on Government  
5 and Finance, no later than the first day of October each year,  
6 specifying the locations of projects, the amount of funding  
7 received, number of contracts and the purpose of each contract.