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**H. B. 4273**

(By Delegate Sobonya, Miller, Hartman, Westfall, Kump,  
Butler, Folk, Border, Campbell, R. Smith and Fern)  
[Introduced January 23, 2014; referred to the  
Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources then  
Health and Human Resources.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
adding thereto a new section, designated §19-1-4e, relating to  
permitting coowners of cows to receive raw milk from those  
cows; and authorizing rule making.

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

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended  
by adding thereto a new section, designated §19-1-4e, to read as  
follows:

**ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

**§19-1-4e. Owners of cows may receive raw milk.**

(a) The owner of a cow, cow shares or a dairy herd may receive  
raw milk directly from the farm or dairy where the cow or dairy  
herd is located. A person who is the owner of a cow share in a cow  
or dairy herd may receive raw milk on behalf of another owner of

1 the same cow or dairy herd.

2 (b) The commissioner of agriculture shall propose rules,  
3 including regulatory standards, for legislative approval in  
4 accordance with article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code  
5 for the purpose of carrying out the requirements of subsection (a)  
6 of this section by October 1, 2014.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit coowners of cows to receive raw milk from those cows. The bill authorizes rule making.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.