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**H. B. 2274**

(By Delegates Hanshaw, Hamilton, A. Evans and Azinger)

[Passed February 20, 2015; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §25-1-5a, relating to authorizing the Commissioner of Corrections to enter into mutual aid agreements with political subdivisions of this state, other states and the federal government for numerous salutary purposes.

*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 §25-1-5a, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. ORGANIZATION, INSTITUTIONS AND CORRECTIONS MANAGEMENT.**

**§25-1-5a. Mutual aid agreements.**

(a) The commissioner may enter into agreements to provide for the rendering of mutual aid with the political subdivisions of this state, other states and the federal government to provide for the common defense, protect the public peace, health and safety and to preserve the lives and property of the people of this state.

(b) Any agreement entered into under this section shall be with the consent and approval of

- 1 the Secretary of the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety, and shall include a provision
- 2 within each agreement allowing for the immediate termination by the Secretary at any time.