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Senate Bill 426

BY SENATORS COLE (MR. PRESIDENT) AND KESSLER

(BY REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE)

[Passed March 8, 2016;

in effect 90 days from passage]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §5B-2A-3 and §5B-2A-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as
2 amended, all relating to continuing Office of Coalfield Community Development within
3 Department of Commerce; allowing Secretary of the Department of Commerce to appoint
4 a chief; and defining a term.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §5B-2A-3 and §5B-2A-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be
2 amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2A. OFFICE OF COALFIELD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

§5B-2A-3. Definitions.

1 (a) For the purpose of this article:

2 (1) "Department" means the Department of Environmental Protection established in article
3 one, chapter twenty-two of this code;

4 (2) "Office" means the Office of Coalfield Community Development;

5 (3) "Operator" means the definition in section three, article three, chapter twenty-two of
6 this code;

7 (4) "Renewable and alternative energy" means energy produced or generated from natural
8 or replenishable resources other than traditional fossil fuels or nuclear resources and includes,
9 without limitation, solar energy, wind power, hydropower, geothermal energy, biomass energy,
10 biologically derived fuels, energy produced with advanced coal technologies, coalbed methane,
11 fuel produced by a coal gasification or liquefaction facility, synthetic gas, waste coal, tire-derived
12 fuel, pumped storage hydroelectric power or similar energy sources; and

13 (5) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Department of Commerce.

14 (b) Unless used in a context that clearly requires a different meaning or as otherwise
15 defined herein, terms used in this article shall have the definitions set forth in this section.

§5B-2A-4. Office of Coalfield Community Development.

1 (a) The Office of Coalfield Community Development is continued within the Department of
2 Commerce.

3 (b) The secretary may appoint a chief to administer the office, who serves at the will and
4 pleasure of the secretary.