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2015 Carryover

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[Introduced January 13, 2016; referred to the
Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
then Health and Human Resources.]

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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

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

5 (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall propose rules, including regulatory standards,
 6 for legislative approval in accordance with article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code for the
 7 purpose of carrying out the requirements of subsection (a) of this section by October 1, 2015.

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.