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House Bill 2823

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to the Committee Agriculture and Natural Resources then

Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §15A-11-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to exempting buildings or structures utilized exclusively for agricultural purposes from the
3 provisions of the State Building Code.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 11. FIRE COMMISSION.

§15A-11-3. Promulgation of rules and State Fire Code.

1 (a) Pursuant to the provisions of § 29A-3- 1 *et seq.* of this code, the State Fire Commission
2 shall propose and promulgate comprehensive rules for the safeguarding of life and property from
3 the hazards of fire and explosion to be known as the State Fire Code. Rules embodied in the
4 State Fire Code shall be in accordance with standard safe practice as embodied in widely
5 recognized standards of good practice for fire prevention and fire protection and have the force
6 and effect of law in the several counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions of the state:
7 *Provided, That buildings or structures utilized exclusively for agricultural purposes shall be exempt*
8 *from the provisions of the State Building Code.* The rule shall include, but not be limited to,
9 standard safe practices for the design, construction, location, installation, maintenance, and
10 operation of liquefied petroleum gas systems, and training standards and qualifications for
11 persons who install or maintain liquefied petroleum gas systems.

12 (b) The State Fire Commission may establish work groups and seek input in the
13 rulemaking process from groups or individuals with an interest in any aspect of the fire code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to exempt buildings or structures utilized exclusively for agricultural purposes from the provisions of the State Building Code.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.