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AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article one, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to duties of the commissioner of agriculture; and eliminating administrative duties on state rural development council.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section four, article one, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

§19-1-4. Duties of commissioner.

1 The commissioner of agriculture shall perform the
2 following duties:

3 (a) Devise means of advancing the agricultural interests
4 of the state and, in the performance of such duty, he or she

5 shall have authority to call upon any state department, or
6 officer of the state or county, to cooperate in promoting
7 the agricultural interests of the state. It shall be the duty
8 of any such department, or officer, upon request of the
9 commissioner to render the assistance desired;

10 (b) Promote and encourage the organization of such
11 societies and associations as have for their object the
12 improvement and development of the state's agricultural,
13 horticultural and kindred interests, especially in produc-
14 tion, processing for market and distribution;

15 (c) Conduct cooperative work with the United States
16 department of agriculture in inspecting and determining
17 the grade and condition of farm produce at collecting
18 centers, receiving centers and shipping points;

19 (d) Induce the investment of capital in, and immigration
20 into, this state by the dissemination of information relative
21 to the soil, climate, health, natural resources, market
22 opportunities and advantages of the state;

23 (e) Investigate and report upon the kinds, conditions and
24 extent of the mineral products of the state and their value;

25 (f) Take charge of the museum of the department of
26 agriculture, collect, preserve and exhibit therein specimens
27 of agricultural, horticultural and kindred products,
28 products of the forests, minerals, flora and fauna of the
29 state;

30 (g) Publish and distribute, from time to time, such
31 reports and bulletins concerning agriculture, horticulture
32 and kindred subjects as may be of value to the farmers of
33 the state and, as conditions may demand, publish a
34 handbook giving the resources of the several counties of
35 the state, the varieties of soil and products, both mineral
36 and vegetable, and the adaptability of the different
37 sections of the state to the different branches of agricul-
38 ture, horticulture and kindred interests;

39 (h) Submit a biennial report to the governor and Legisla-
40 ture containing such information as to the operations of
41 the department as may be helpful to the agricultural
42 interests of the state, together with an itemized statement
43 of all receipts and disbursements during the biennial
44 period covered thereby and giving the name of every
45 person employed during such period, the time employed
46 and the amount paid each employee;

47 (i) Perform such other duties and exercise such other
48 powers as are provided in this chapter and by general law;
49 and

50 (j) Propose rules, including regulatory standards, for
51 legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of
52 article three, chapter twenty-nine of this code for the
53 purpose of carrying out the requirements of this chapter.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Emily J. Moore
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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

David G. Galt
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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *1st*
Day of *April* 2003.
Bob Wise
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Governor

PRESENTED TO THE
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