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AN ACT to amend and reenact §22-1-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the environmental protection advisory council generally; and increasing the membership of the council to eight members, specifying represented organizations and entities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §22-1-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

§22-1-9. Environmental protection advisory council.

- 1 (a) There is created within the Department of Environmen-
- 2 tal Protection, the environmental protection advisory council.
- 3 The environmental protection advisory council consists of eight
- 4 members. The Secretary serves as an ex officio member of the

- 5 council and as its chair. The remaining seven members are
- 6 appointed by the Governor. Each member serves for a term of
- 7 four years and may be reappointed. Members of the council
- 8 serving on the effective date of this section shall continue to
- 9 serve until their terms expire or their successors have been
- 10 appointed. The new member of the council shall be appointed
- 11 for a term ending on the thirtieth day of June, two thousand ten.
- 12 Vacancies on the council shall be filled within sixty days after
- 13 the vacancy occurs.
- (b) Two members of the council shall represent industries
- 15 regulated by the division or their trade associations. Two
- 16 members shall represent organizations advocating environmen-
- 17 tal protection. One member shall represent organizations
- 18 representing local governments. One member shall represent
- 19 public service districts. One member of the council shall be
- 20 appointed from a list of three names submitted to the Governor
- 21 by the largest organization representing farming interests in this
- 22 state.
- 23 (c) Except for state employee and officer members,
- 24 appointed members shall be paid the same compensation and
- 25 expense reimbursement as is paid to members of the Legislature
- 26 for their interim duties as recommended by the citizens legisla-
- 27 tive compensation commission and authorized by law for each
- 28 day or portion thereof engaged in the discharge of official
- 29 duties.
- 30 (d) The council shall meet at least once every quarter at the
- 31 call of the chair.
- 32 (e) The council shall:
- 33 (1) Consult with and advise the director on program and
- 34 policy development, problem solving and other appropriate
- 35 subjects;

- 36 (2) Identify and define problems associated with the 37 implementation of the policy set forth in section one of this 38 article;
- (3) Provide and disseminate to industry and the public early
 identification of major federal program and regulatory changes;
- 41 (4) Provide a forum for the resolution of conflicts between 42 constituency groups;
- 43 (5) To the extent possible, strive for consensus on the development of overall environmental policy; and
- 45 (6) Provide an annual report to the Joint Committee on 46 Government and Finance on or before the first day of January 47 of each year relating to its findings with regard to the depart-48 ment's performance during the previous year. The report will 49 specifically address the division's performance in accomplish-50 ing the nine purposes set forth in subsection (b), section one of 51 this article.

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

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