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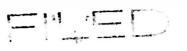
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AN ACT to repeal §29-8-2, §29-8-3, §29-8-4 and §29-8-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §29-8-1 of said code; to amend and reenact §20-5-3, all relating to the termination of the Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park Commission; exempting the termination of the commission from the wind down provisions of §4-10-12; and providing for the transfer of all remaining property and authority of the commission to the Division of Natural Resources parks and recreation section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §29-8-2, §29-8-3, §29-8-4 and §29-8-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended be repealed; that §29-8-1 of said code be amended and reenacted; and that §20-5-3 of said code be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 8. BLENNERHASSETT ISLAND HISTORICAL STATE PARK COMMISSION.

§29-8-1. Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park Commission termination.

1 The Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park 2 Commission shall cease to exist on the first day of July, two 3 thousand eight. The termination of the commission is exempt 4 from the wind down provisions of section twelve, article ten, 5 chapter four of this code. All members of the commission 6 duly appointed and serving shall cease to hold the office or 7 perform the duties that the office may provide. All property, 8 real or tangible, all powers, expressed or implied, and all 9 authority granted to the commission transfers to the Division of Natural Resources effective upon passage of this section. 10

ARTICLE 5. PARKS AND RECREATION.

§20-5-3. Section of parks and recreation; purpose; powers and duties generally.

1 The purposes of the section of parks and recreation shall 2 be to promote conservation by preserving and protecting 3 natural areas of unique or exceptional scenic, scientific, 4 cultural, archaeological or historic significance and to 5 provide outdoor recreational opportunities for the citizens of 6 this state and its visitors. It shall be the duty of the section of 7 parks and recreation to have within its jurisdiction and 8 supervision:

9 (a) All state parks and recreation areas, including all 10 lodges, cabins, swimming pools, motorboating and all other 11 recreational facilities therein, except the roads heretofore 12 transferred pursuant to section one, article four, chapter 13 seventeen of this code to the state road system and to the responsibility of the commissioner of highways with respect 14 to the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of the 15 16 roads or any future roads for public usage on publicly owned 17 lands for future state parks, state forests and public hunting18 and fishing areas;

(b) The authority and responsibility to do the necessary
cutting and planting of vegetation along road rights-of-way
in state parks and recreational areas;

(c) The administration of all laws and regulations
relating to the establishment, development, protection, use
and enjoyment of all state parks and state recreational
facilities consistent with the provisions of this article;

26 (d) The continued operation and maintenance of the
27 Berkeley Springs historical state park, in Morgan County, as
28 a state recreational facility, designated the Berkeley Springs
29 sanitarium under prior enactment of this code;

30 (e) The continued operation and maintenance of that
31 portion of Washington Carver camp in Fayette County
32 formerly incorporated within the boundaries of Babcock state
33 park;

34 (f) The continued operation and maintenance of Camp
35 Creck state park as a state recreational facility, formerly
36 delineated according to section three, article one-a, chapter
37 nineteen of this code;

(g) The continued operation and maintenance of
Moncove Lake state park as a state recreational facility,
formerly delineated pursuant to enactment of section thirteen,
article one, chapter five-b of this code in the year one
thousand nine hundred ninety;

43 (h) The continued protection, operation and maintenance
44 of approximately seventy-five miles of right-of-way along
45 the former Greenbrier subdivision of the Chessie railroad

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- 46 system between Caldwell in Greenbrier County and Cass in
- 47 Pocahontas County, designated the Greenbrier river trail,
- 48 including the protection of the trail from motorized vehicular
- 49 traffic and operation for the protection of adjacent public and
- 50 private property;
- (i) The continued protection, operation and maintenance
 of approximately sixty and fifty-seven one-hundredths miles
 of right-of-way of the CSX railway system between Walker
 in Wood County and Wilsonburg in Harrison County,
 designated the North Bend rail trail, including the protection
 of the trail from motorized vehicular traffic and operation for
 the protection of adjacent public and private property; and
- (j) The continued development, operation and
 maintenance of Blennerhassett Island Historical State park,
 including all the property, powers and authority previously
 held by the Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park
 Commission formerly delineated pursuant to article eight,
 chapter twenty-nine of this code.

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

Chairman Sengte Complittee Chairman House Committee Originating in the House.

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