1	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
2	for
3	Н. В. 2217
4 5 6	(By Delegates Overington, Walters, Cowles, Upson, Blair, Espinosa, Deem, R. Phillips, Shott, R. Smith and Sobonya)
7	(Originating in the Committee on Government Organization)
8	[January 30, 2015]
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10	A BILL to amend and reenact §21-1-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
11	the qualifications of the Commissioner of Labor; removing language that the commissioner
12	be identified with the labor interests of the state and requiring that the commissioner be
13	identified with and have knowledge and experience in employee issues and interests
14	including employee-employer relations in this state.
15	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
16	That §21-1-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted
17	to read as follows:
18	ARTICLE 1. DIVISION OF LABOR.
19	§21-1-2. Appointment of Commissioner of Labor; qualifications; term of office; salary.
20	The state Commissioner of Labor shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice
21	and consent of the Senate. He or she shall be a competent person, who is identified with the labor
22	interests of the state and has knowledge and experience in employee issues and interests including
23	employee-employer relations in this state. The Commissioner of Labor in office on the effective date

1	of this section shall, unless sooner removed, continue to serve until his or her term expires and his
2	or her successor has been appointed and has qualified. On or before April 1, 1941, and on or before
3	April 1 of each fourth year thereafter, the Governor shall appoint a Commissioner of Labor to serve
4	for a term of four years, commencing on April 1. The commissioner shall receive an annual salary
5	as provided in section two-a, article seven, chapter six of this code.