

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2019 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2528**

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[ Introduced January 18, 2019; Referred  
to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural  
Resources then Government Organization.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §19-1-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to employees of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

**§19-1-3. Employees; itemized statement of expenditures; monthly statement and payment  
of moneys received by commissioner.**

1 The commissioner shall organize his or her department and may employ a general  
2 counsel and other such ~~assistants, agents, clerks, stenographers, chemists, analysts, botanists,~~  
3 ~~microscopists, institute instructors, pomologists, entomologists, veterinarians~~ legal, business,  
4 science, and technical professionals, para-professionals, and experts, and employees as may be  
5 necessary ~~in the performance of~~ to perform the duties of his the office. ~~He or she~~ and shall fix  
6 their compensation and may require them to give bond for the faithful performance of their duties.

7 ~~It shall be the duty of~~ The commissioner ~~to~~ shall certify to the State Auditor, ~~of this state~~  
8 from time to time, an itemized account of all expenditures made by him or her for ~~clerk~~ employee  
9 hire and other purposes, whereupon the Auditor shall draw his or her warrant on the State  
10 Treasurer ~~of the state~~ for the payment thereof out of the funds appropriated by the Legislature for  
11 that purpose, but in no case to exceed such appropriation.

12 The commissioner shall, within 10 days after the expiration of each month, submit to the  
13 Auditor and Treasurer an itemized statement of all moneys received by him during that month,  
14 and at the same time pay such money into the State Treasury. ~~of the state~~

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to employ a general counsel and any other such personnel necessary to perform the duties of the office.

This bill is recommended by the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee for introduction and passage during the 2019 Regular Session of the Legislature.

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