

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 2095

By Delegate Walker

[Introduced January 11, 2023; Referred to the
Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
then Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
 2 designated §22-34-1, relating to creating a quasi-public corporation to be known as the
 3 Wild and Wonderful Restoration Task Force Corporation; purposes; duties; and providing
 4 for legislative rules to prescribe the organization, powers, and duties of the corporation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 34. WILD AND WONDERFUL RESTORATION TASK FORCE.

§22-34-1. Establishment of the Wild and Wonderful Restoration Task Force Corporation.

1 (a) The Department shall establish a quasi-public corporation, to be known as the Wild and
 2 Wonderful Restoration Task Force. The purpose of the corporation is to establish and develop a
 3 program to restore damaged lands in this state to their original condition. The program shall
 4 include tree planting, removal of invasive species, roadside wildflower restoration, provide clean
 5 waterways, and test wells. The corporation shall develop and implement a program to use
 6 volunteers. The corporation shall be under the supervision of the department. The department
 7 shall provide the corporation with resources and technical assistance, as well as assistance in the
 8 administration of the corporation, and resources, equipment, and personnel to carry out the
 9 purposes of the corporation.

10 (b) The Department of Environmental Protection shall propose rules for legislative
 11 approval in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code to carry out the
 12 purposes of this section. The proposed rule shall establish the organization of a board of directors,
 13 prescribe powers and duties of the corporation and board, including the employment of
 14 employees, establish a program to engage and use volunteers and any other provisions
 15 necessary to carry out the purpose of this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a quasi-public corporation to be known as the Wild and Wonderful Restoration Task Force Corporation to establish and develop a program to restore damaged lands in this state to their original condition.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law

and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.