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**Senate Bill No. 202**

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AN ACT to amend and reenact §19-1A-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting the Director of the Division of Forestry to enter into stewardship contracts with the United States Forest Service; authorizing projects by written agreement or contract; and directing annual reports to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

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

That §19-1A-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 1A. DIVISION OF FORESTRY.**

**§19-1A-4. Additional duties of the Director of the Division of Forestry generally.**

- 1       (a) The director shall:
  - 2           (1) Develop, promote and advance the growth of the
  - 3 forest products industries of this state;
  - 4           (2) Cooperate with educational institutions, development
  - 5 agencies and private and public organizations to promote the
  - 6 expansion of the forest products industries of this state in
  - 7 local and global markets;

8           (3) Conduct research on marketing and developing forest  
9 products and forest products industries; conserving, manag-  
10 ing and utilizing the state's forest land and its multiple uses;  
11 and improving the forestry knowledge and practices of  
12 private landowners; and

13           (4) Compile its findings and recommendations, and  
14 disseminate the results of its research to the public, the  
15 forest products industry, the Governor and the Legislature.

16           (b) The director has the power to carry out and effectuate  
17 the purposes of this article, article one-b of this chapter and  
18 article three of chapter twenty of this code, including the  
19 power to:

20           (1) Accept and use gifts, donations or contributions from  
21 individuals, organizations or corporations, and to acquire by  
22 gift, lease or purchase real estate;

23           (2) Establish law-enforcement practices and procedures  
24 to address the law-enforcement requirements of the division;

25           (3) To promulgate rules and regulations, subject to the  
26 provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a of this code; and

27           (4) Enter into stewardship end-result contract projects  
28 with the United States Forest Service by written agreement  
29 or contract and submit an annual report to the Joint Com-  
30 mittee on Government and Finance, no later than the first  
31 day of October each year, specifying the locations of projects,  
32 the amount of funding received, number of contracts and the  
33 purpose of each contract.