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**H. B. 2311**

(By Delegate Sobonya)

[Introduced January 26, 2015; referred to the

Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources then the Judiciary.]

A BILL to amend and reenact article 9, chapter 64 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to industrial hemp.

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

That article 9, chapter 64 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 9. AUTHORIZATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES AND BOARDS TO PROMULGATE LEGISLATIVE RULES.**

**§64-9-1. Commissioner of Agriculture.**

The legislative rule filed in the State Register on August 1, 2014, authorized under the authority of section seven, article twelve-e, chapter nineteen of this code, modified by the Department of Agriculture to meet the objections of the Legislative Rule-making Review Committee and refiled in the State Register on December 30, 2014, relating to the Commissioner of Agriculture

1 (industrial hemp, [61 CSR 29](#)), is authorized.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to industrial hemp.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.