

**Senate Bill No. 311**

(By Senators Beach, Kessler, D. Hall and Prezioso)

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[Introduced; January 26, 2015; referred to the Committee on Natural Resources; and then to the  
Committee on the Judiciary.]

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A BILL to amend and reenact §20-1-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
to West Virginia state parks and state forests; and changing the name of Coopers Rock State  
Forest to Coopers Rock State Park.

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

That §20-1-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted  
to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION.**

**§20-1-19. West Virginia state parks and state forests.**

(a) The state parks of West Virginia are:

- (1) Audra; (2) Babcock; (3) Beartown; (4) Beech Fork; (5) Berkeley Springs; (6) Blackwater Falls; (7) Blennerhassett Island Historical; (8) Bluestone; (9) Cacapon Resort; (10) Camp Creek; (11) Canaan Valley Resort; (12) Carnifex Ferry Battlefield; (13) Cass Scenic Railroad; (14) Cathedral;

1 (15) Cedar Creek; (16) Chief Logan; (17) Droop Mountain Battlefield; (18) Fairfax Stone Historical  
2 Monument; (19) Hawks Nest; (20) Holly River; (21) Little Beaver; (22) Lost River; (23) Moncove  
3 Lake; (24) North Bend; (25) Pinnacle Rock; (26) Pipestem Resort; (27) Prickett's Fort; (28)  
4 Stonewall Resort; (29) Tomlinson Run; (30) Tu-Endie-Wei (Point Pleasant Battle Monument); (31)  
5 Twin Falls Resort; (32) Tygart Lake; (33) Valley Falls; (34) Watoga; and (35) Waiters Smith  
6 Memorial.

7 (b) The state forests of West Virginia are:

8 (1) Cabwaylingo; (2) Calvin Price; (3) Camp Creek; (4) Coopers Rock which shall be  
9 designated and known as Coopers Rock State Park but remain under the Division of Forestry; (5)  
10 Greenbrier; (6) Kanawha; (7) Kumbrabow; (8) Panther Forest/WMA, consisting of approximately  
11 twenty-six acres containing park facilities; and (9) Seneca.

12 (c) Neither the director nor any officer, employee or agent of the Division of Natural  
13 Resources may close, change the name or the designated use of a state park or state forest without  
14 statutory authorization.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to change the name of Coopers Rock State Forest to  
Coopers Rock State Park without removing it from the Division of Forestry.

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