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Senate Bill 322

BY SENATOR WELD

[Introduced January 19, 2018; Referred
to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development;
and then to the Committee on 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 (a) 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, and such other~~
4 ~~employees~~ such legal, business, science professionals, para-professionals, technical experts,
5 and support staff as may be necessary ~~in the performance of~~ to perform the duties of his the office
6 and shall fix their compensation, and may require them to give bond for the faithful performance
7 of their duties.

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

13 (c) The commissioner shall, within 10 days after the expiration of each month, submit to
14 the Auditor and Treasurer an itemized statement of all moneys received by him during that month,
15 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.

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