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Senate Bill 410

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to the Committee on Energy, Industry and Mining; and then

to the Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
 2 designated §22-32-1, relating to creating and appointing an industry advocate within the
 3 Department of Environmental Protection; establishing powers and duties of the industry
 4 advocate; providing for salary of the industry advocate; providing for staff; and requiring
 5 rulemaking.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 32. INDUSTRY ADVOCATE.

§22-32-1. Appointment of industry advocate; powers and duties; salary; staff; rulemaking.

1 The Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection shall appoint a person to
 2 serve as the industry advocate within the Department of Environmental Protection, and shall
 3 promulgate rules in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq., of this code governing
 4 and controlling the qualifications, powers and duties of the person to be appointed to the position
 5 of industry advocate. The industry advocate serves at the will and pleasure of the secretary, who
 6 shall also set the salary of the industry advocate. All funding for the office of industry advocate
 7 shall be from existing funds of the Department of Environmental Protection. The secretary shall
 8 provide an office and secretarial support staff as needed.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create and appointment of an industry advocate; within the Department of Environmental Protection. The bill establishes powers and duties of the industry advocate. The bill provides for salary of the industry advocate. The bill provides for staff. The bill requires rulemaking.

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