

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2022 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4807**

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[Introduced February 15, 2022; Referred to the Committee  
on Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §19-1-4a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
 2 to requiring the Commissioner of Agriculture to provide grant money for pollinator friendly  
 3 gardening and horticulture habitats.

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

**ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

**§19-1-4a. Commissioner authorized to accept gifts, etc., and enter into cooperative agreements.**

1 The Commissioner of Agriculture is hereby empowered and he or she shall have authority  
 2 to may accept and receive donations, gifts, contributions, grants, and appropriations of money,  
 3 services, materials, real estate or other things of value from the United States Department of  
 4 Agriculture, or any of its divisions or bureaus, and he or she shall have authority to may use,  
 5 utilize, develop, or expend such money, services, material, or other contributions in conformity  
 6 with the conditions and provisions set forth in such grants, appropriations, or donations: Provided,  
 7 That the commissioner shall also expend the money for grants to individuals, partnerships,  
 8 associations, or corporations, or nonprofit organizations to encourage the creation of large  
 9 pollinator friendly gardening and horticulture habitats to prevent extinction of "wild and wonderful"  
 10 West Virginia species.

11 By and with the approval of the Governor, the commissioner may accept and receive  
 12 donations, gifts, contributions, and grants of money, services, materials, real estate, and other  
 13 things of value from individuals, partnerships, associations, or corporations, and he or she shall  
 14 have authority to utilize such contributions to encourage, promote and develop the agricultural  
 15 interests or industries of the state.

16 The commissioner is hereby empowered, and he shall have authority, to may enter into  
 17 agreements with any department of state government for the purpose of carrying out any  
 18 regulatory laws where or when any related functions or duties exist. He or she shall also have  
 19 authority to may enter into agreements with any city council or county court of the State of West

20 Virginia, for carrying out the provisions of the agricultural laws over which he or she has  
21 enforcement authority.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the Commissioner of Agriculture to provide grant money for pollinator friendly gardening and horticulture habitats.

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