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CHARLESTON 25305

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COMMISSIONER

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SECRETARY OF STATE OF
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THIS DATE 2-21-78

Mr. William Harrington
Rules and Regulations
Secretary of State's Office
Capitol Building #1, Room W-131
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Mr. Harrington:

I am enclosing an Animal Health regulation on Pseudorabies. This is designed to be a permanent regulation and as such the date of April 6, 1978, has been set for a public hearing.

However, it is vital to West Virginia agriculture that this safeguard be placed into effect immediately. Therefore, under the auspices of Chapter 29A-3-14, I am placing it in effect as of March 1, 1978, as an interim emergency measure.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

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cc - Governor Rockefeller
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I, Gus R. Douglass, Commissioner of Agriculture,
Title or Position

W. Va. Department of Agriculture, hereby submit to record in
Department or Division

the State Register on 8 1/2 x 11" paper two (2) copies of

- proposed rules and regulations concerning topics of material not covered by existing rules and regulations;
- proposed rules and regulations superseding rules and regulations already on file;
- notice of hearing;
- findings and determinations;
- rules and regulations; or
- other - specify () .

This filing pertains to

Chapter 19
Article 9
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- proposed rules and regulations are required to go to Legislative Rule Making Committee;
- proposed rules and regulations are excluded from Legislative Rule Making Committee;


February 17, 1978
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PUBLIC HEARING

The animal disease pseudorabies is a serious threat to swine production and a danger to cattle. Therefore, as a preventative measure designed to prevent the movement of swine diseased with pseudorabies into the State of West Virginia, I am promulgating the attached regulations as an emergency measure effective March 1, 1978.

A public hearing has been scheduled for 2:00 P.M., Thursday, April 6, 1978, in the John T. Johnson Conference Room, Basement of the East Wing of the Capitol Building to allow comments on placing the regulation into effect on a permanent basis, until removed.



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11.04 Pseudorabies. Swine moved into West Virginia for breeding purposes must originate in herds not known to be infected with pseudorabies and must have had a negative serum neutralization or other acceptable test for the diagnosis of pseudorabies within the 30 days immediately prior to movement into the state. Swine moved into West Virginia for exhibition purposes must originate in herds not known to be infected with pseudorabies and must have had a negative serum neutralization or other acceptable test for the diagnosis of pseudorabies with the 60 days immediately prior to movement into the state.


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