

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §34-1-9

## **§34-1-9. Liability for false claim; acts intended to hinder or delay owner in reclaiming property.**

If any person shall falsely or fraudulently procure a warrant to be issued by a justice, under section one of this chapter, for the appraisalment of anything as an estray or drift property which is not such; or shall secrete any such estray or property, or alter or change the appearance thereof, or the marks thereon, with intent to hinder or delay the owner thereof in reclaiming the same, or to render the identification of such estray or property difficult, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, be fined not less than ten, nor more than \$500; and shall, moreover, be liable to the owner for double the value of such estray or property.