

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1939



## ENROLLED

SENATE BILL No. 165

(By Mr. Casto.....)

PASSED March 10th..... 1939

In Effect Thirty days for..... Passage



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Senate Bill No. 165

(BY MR. CASTO)

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[Passed March 10, 1939 ; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section thirteen, article four, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, relating to the ownership, possession and use of ferrets, and providing penalties.

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

That section thirteen, article four, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 13. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or  
2 have in his possession in this state a ferret, except, that for  
3 the purpose of ridding premises of rats or other vermin.

4 Any person, upon application to the director of conservation,  
5 showing that he is a bona fide resident of this state and a  
6 citizen thereof, and has not been convicted of a violation of  
7 the game laws of this state, and that he has real need for a fer-  
8 ret for the purposes aforesaid, may procure from said direc-  
9 tor of conservation a permit to own and keep a ferret for  
10 such purposes. At the time of the issuance of such permit  
11 the director of conservation shall also give to the applicant a  
12 metal tag bearing a number, which said number shall be  
13 stamped upon said permit and which said tag shall be affixed  
14 and attached to the leg of the ferret at all times for purposes  
15 of identification. Such permit shall be good only as to the  
16 particular ferret involved. For the issuance of such permit  
17 and metal tag, the director shall charge a fee of one dollar.  
18 The director may revoke such permit at any time for a viola-  
19 tion of this section or a violation of any of the game laws of  
20 this state. All persons who have such permits to own ferrets  
21 shall keep such ferrets in their possession or as near as may  
22 be under their control at all times, and shall never permit the  
23 same to be used by any other person or persons, except under  
24 the owner's direct supervision and control for the purposes

25 aforesaid, and such owner shall at all times carry with him  
26 said permit which he shall exhibit to any person charged with  
27 the enforcement of the game laws of this state upon demand  
28 being made therefor. Any person having a permit to own a  
29 ferret for the purposes aforesaid who shall use the same for  
30 any other purpose, or any person who shall own or possess a  
31 ferret in violation of this section, shall be guilty of a mis-  
32 demeanor and upon conviction thereof shall, for each offense,  
33 be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than three hun-  
34 dred dollars, or confined in jail not less than thirty days nor  
35 more than ninety days, or both so fined and imprisoned, in  
36 the discretion of the court, and the confiscation of the ferret  
37 or ferrets.

I certify that the foregoing bill has been presented to the Governor for his approval, and not having been approved by him, the House of the Legislature will in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of this State become a law without his approval.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

*E. O. Wiseman*

Chairman Senate Committee

*Ben B. Butler*

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the

*Senate*

Takes effect

*Ninety days from*

passage

*Charles H. Smith*

Clerk of the Senate

*Geo. S. Hume*

Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Wm. M. B. B.*

President of the Senate

*James Kay Thomas*

Speaker House of Delegates

I certify that the foregoing act, having been presented to the Governor for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the House of the Legislature in which it originated within the time prescribed by the constitution of the state, has become a law without his approval.

this the

Governor

This the 17th day of March,

1939

*Geo. S. Hume*

SECRETARY OF STATE