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HOUSE BILL No. 730

(By Mr. SEIBERT)

PASSED MARCH 3 1971

In Effect NINETY DAYS FROM Passage



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AN ACT to amend section thirteen, article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the importation and liberation of wildlife.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-13. Importation and certification of wildlife.

- 1 No person shall transport into or have in his possession
- 2 within this state any live wildlife or viable eggs thereof
- 3 from without the state, except as authorized by an im-

4 portation permit issued by the director: *Provided*, That
5 the director shall not be authorized to issue a permit
6 to any person to transport into this state any foxes,
7 either red (*Vulpes fulva*) or gray (*Urocyon cinereo-*
8 *argenteus*), fishers (*Martes pennanti*), or coyotes (*Canis*
9 *latrans*). The director may issue at his discretion such
10 permit as he is authorized to issue, fix the terms thereof
11 and revoke it at his pleasure: *Provided*, That the director
12 is hereby authorized to issue permits for the importation
13 of foxes, either red (*Vulpes fulva*) or gray (*Urocyon*
14 *cinereoargenteus*) to duly organized clubs having twenty-
15 five or more members in the counties of Boone, Cabell,
16 Kanawha, McDowell, Wayne and Wyoming.

17 Importers of fish or viable eggs of the family sal-
18 monidae (trout, char, salmon) shall furnish a statement
19 from a recognized fish pathologist certifying the source
20 to be free of whirling disease, infectious pancreatic ne-
21 crosis, viral hemorrhagic septicemia or other diseases
22 which may threaten fish stocks within the state.

23 Importers of other wildlife species shall furnish dis-
24 ease free certification from pathologists, or veterinarians,

25 as the director deems necessary to protect native popu-
26 lations.

27 All imported wildlife shall be subject to inspection by
28 authorized agents of the department and such inspec-
29 tions may include biological examinations and the re-
30 moval of a reasonable sample of fish or eggs for such
31 purposes.

32 Any person violating any of the provisions of this section
33 concerning foxes, fishers and coyotes shall be guilty of
34 a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall for
35 each offense be fined not less than one hundred nor more
36 than three hundred dollars, or confined in jail not less
37 than ten nor more than one hundred days, or be both
38 fined and imprisoned within the limitations aforesaid.

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

Russell G. Hance
Chairman Senate Committee

Phyllis J. Rutledge
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

John Howard Meyer
Clerk of the Senate

W. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

John B. Goff
President of the Senate

Ivor F. Bucsisby
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *9th*
day of *March*, 1971.

Arch A. Moore, Jr.
Governor



DELIVERED TO THE
GOVERNMENT

Date 3/5/71

Time 1:42 p.m.