WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1971

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HOUSE BILL No. 730

(By Mr. Seibert)

PASSED MARCH 3, 1971

In Effect NINETY DAYS FROM Passage

FILED IN THE OFFICE
JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, IV
SECRETARY OF STATE
3-10-71
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.


1 No person shall transport into or have in his possession within this state any live wildlife or viable eggs thereof from without the state, except as authorized by an im-
portation permit issued by the director: Provided, That the director shall not be authorized to issue a permit to any person to transport into this state any foxes, either red (Vulpes fulva) or gray (Urocyon cinereoargenteus), fishers (Martes pennanti), or coyotes (Canis latrans). The director may issue at his discretion such permit as he is authorized to issue, fix the terms thereof and revoke it at his pleasure: Provided, That the director is hereby authorized to issue permits for the importation of foxes, either red (Vulpes fulva) or gray (Urocyon cinereoargenteus) to duly organized clubs having twenty-five or more members in the counties of Boone, Cabell, Kanawha, McDowell, Wayne and Wyoming.

Importers of fish or viable eggs of the family salmonidae (trout, char, salmon) shall furnish a statement from a recognized fish pathologist certifying the source to be free of whirling disease, infectious pancreatic necrosis, viral hemorrhagic septicemia or other diseases which may threaten fish stocks within the state.

Importers of other wildlife species shall furnish disease free certification from pathologists, or veterinarians,
as the director deems necessary to protect native populations.

All imported wildlife shall be subject to inspection by authorized agents of the department and such inspections may include biological examinations and the removal of a reasonable sample of fish or eggs for such purposes.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this section concerning foxes, fishers and coyotes shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall for each offense be fined not less than one hundred nor more than three hundred dollars, or confined in jail not less than ten nor more than one hundred days, or be both fined and imprisoned within the limitations aforesaid.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

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

Governor
3/5/71
1:42 p.m.