

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1978



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SENATE BILL NO. 225

(By Mr. Gunn)



PASSED March 11 1978

In Effect ninety days from Passage



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Senate Bill No. 225

(By MR. GAINER)

[Passed March 11, 1978; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section twenty-two, article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the reporting of deer and wild turkey kills within twenty-four hours of when kill is made; and removing the provision authorizing the state to seize untagged deer or wild turkey.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-22. Tagging, removing, transporting and reporting deer and wild turkey.

1 Each person killing a deer or wild turkey found in a
2 wild state shall immediately after removing the entrails,
3 but in any event within one hour and before transporting
4 or removing the carcass in any manner from where it
5 was killed, complete and attach thereto the game tag
6 supplied with his or her hunting license. The game tag
7 shall remain on the carcass until it is dressed for con-
8 sumption.

9 If such wild turkey or deer has been lawfully killed
10 by a person not required to secure a license, or by a
11 person who has previously killed another species of
12 game bird or game animal for which a game tag is re-
13 quired, or by a person who has lost the tag supplied with
14 his or her license, such person shall make and attach a

15 tag to the carcass within the time specified after such
16 killing. The tag shall bear in plain English the name
17 and address of the hunter, and the date of killing, or, if
18 holding a license, the license number and the date and
19 county where the game was killed.

20 The carcass of such wild turkey or deer shall be de-
21 livered to a conservation officer or an official checking
22 station for checking and retagging before it is either
23 skinned or transported beyond the boundaries of the
24 county adjacent to that in which the kill was made.

25 Every failure to have said tag or tags attached, or
26 removing or transporting such animal in any manner, or
27 failure to deliver the carcass to a conservation officer or
28 other officer specified in this section or an official checking
29 station for checking, as herein provided, shall subject
30 the person so neglecting to the penalties provided in this
31 article.

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

James R. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence C. Lehestock
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

J. C. Willson, Jr.
Clerk of the Senate

W. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. T. Brotherton, Jr.
President of the Senate

Donald L. Zopp
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *30*
day of *March*, 1978.

John J. Relyea
Governor



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APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

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