WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1978

ENROLLED
SENATE BILL NO. 225

(By Mr. 

Passed March 11, 1978
In Effect sixty 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 wild state shall immediately after removing the entrails, but in any event within one hour and before transporting or removing the carcass in any manner from where it was killed, complete and attach thereto the game tag supplied with his or her hunting license. The game tag shall remain on the carcass until it is dressed for consumption.

9 If such wild turkey or deer has been lawfully killed by a person not required to secure a license, or by a person who has previously killed another species of game bird or game animal for which a game tag is required, or by a person who has lost the tag supplied with his or her license, such person shall make and attach a
tag to the carcass within the time specified after such killing. The tag shall bear in plain English the name and address of the hunter, and the date of killing, or, if holding a license, the license number and the date and county where the game was killed.

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

Every failure to have said tag or tags attached, or removing or transporting such animal in any manner, or failure to deliver the carcass to a conservation officer or other officer specified in this section or an official checking station for checking, as herein provided, shall subject the person so neglecting to the penalties provided in this article.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence L. Richey
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

J. Elwell J.
Clerk of the Senate

C. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. F. Battle Jr.
President of the Senate

Donald L. Hoep
Speaker House of Delegates

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

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Governor