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Date 3-29-82

**WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**  
**REGULAR SESSION, 1982**



**ENROLLED**

*Committee Substitute for*  
**SENATE BILL NO. 439**

(By Mr. Colombo)



PASSED March 5 1982

In Effect ninety days from Passage



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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
**Senate Bill No. 439**  
(By MR. COLOMBO, *original sponsor*)

[Passed March 8, 1982; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section thirteen, article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to removing the restriction that the director of the department of natural resources shall not issue permits for the transportation and importation of foxes and fishers.

*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 to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.**

**§20-2-13. Importation of wildlife; certification and inspection of imported 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 impor-  
4 tation permit issued by the director: *Provided*, That the  
5 director shall not be authorized to issue a permit to any  
6 person to transport into this state any coyotes (*Canis*  
7 *latrans*). The director may issue at his discretion such  
8 permit as he is authorized to issue, fix the terms thereof  
9 and revoke it at his pleasure.

10 Importers of fish or viable eggs of the family salmon-  
11 diae (trout, char, salmon) shall furnish a statement from

12 a recognized fish pathologist certifying the source to be  
13 free of whirling disease, infectious pancreatic necrosis,  
14 viral hemorrhagic septicemia or other diseases which may  
15 threaten fish stocks within the state.

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

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

23 Any person violating any of the provisions of this  
24 section concerning coyotes shall be guilty of a misdemean-  
25 or, and, upon conviction thereof, shall for each offense  
26 be fined not less than one hundred nor more than three  
27 hundred dollars, or confined in jail not less than ten nor  
28 more than one hundred days, or be both fined and im-  
29 prisoned within the limitations aforesaid.

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

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Chairman Senate Committee

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *29*

day of *March*, 1982.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Governor



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