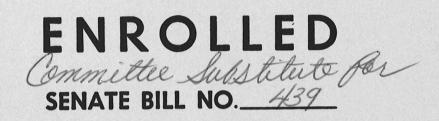
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Senate Bill No. 439

(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 from without the state, except as authorized by an impor-3 tation permit issued by the director: Provided, That the 4 director shall not be authorized to issue a permit to any 5 person to transport into this state any coyotes (Canis 6 latrans). The director may issue at his discretion such 7 8 permit as he is authorized to issue, fix the terms thereof and revoke it at his pleasure. 9

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

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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.

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 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.

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

Chairman Senate Committee Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

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