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## **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**REGULAR SESSION, 1996** 

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SENATE BILL NO. 156

(By Senators WHITLOW : BAILEY )

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### Senate Bill No. 156

(SENATORS WHITLOW AND BAILEY, original sponsors)

[Passed March 9, 1996; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section thirty-five, article three, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to prohibiting persons from digging cultivated ginseng on lands of another without the owner's consent; land must be posted; and penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 3. CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY.

#### §61-3-35. Digging cultivated ginseng; penalty.

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- 1 It shall be unlawful for any person to dig cultivated
- ginseng or prospect for the same, on the lands of another
- 3 without the consent of the owner or owners thereof first
- 4 obtained. The property must be properly posted with
- 5 "No Trespassing" signs, "Private Property" signs, or
- 6 other signs that explain to a person to stay off the
- 7 property. The signs must be of reasonable size to be read
- 8 by an average person and must be posted at reasonable
- 9 intervals of at least two hundred feet around the prop-
- 10 erty.
- 11 Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a
- 12 misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be
- 13 fined not less than one hundred dollars.

PRESENTED TO THE

GOVERNOR

Date

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